

Pentagon officials confirm: U.S., Israel working on defence pact

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WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials here yesterday confirmed an Israeli radio report that a Pentagon delegation recently held talks in Israel which considered the possibility of concluding a U.S.-Israel defence pact. According to the Israeli radio report, the U.S. would come to Israel's aid, should it be endangered.

Such a defence pact would probably be signed only later this year, the report said, after elections.

U.S. officials here said senior military personnel involved in the continuing U.S.-Israeli joint political/military talks on strategic

cooperation wound up several days of discussions in Israel last week.

These sessions, known as "military to military" talks, are in the framework of the strategic cooperation agreement announced last year, at the end of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's summit with President Ronald Reagan in Washington.

The clearly improved strategic cooperation between the U.S. and Israel has also affected other aspects of the relationship. This has been underlined in recent days with official confirmation that the U.S. Navy has purchased Israeli-made pilotless reconnaissance aircraft.

Soviets will help us, Tlas cautions Israel

MADRID (AFP). — Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas said in an interview published yesterday here that the Soviets will come to Syria's aid "if the U.S. participates in a war (against Syria) alongside Israel."

Speaking to *El Pais*, the Spanish daily, Tlas said that former Soviet president Yuri Andropov promised Syrian President Hafez Assad that the Soviet Union would not allow any country to attack Syria.

Tlas said that the Syrians and Soviets have made plans which will enable the Soviets to airlift two Soviet divisions to Damascus within eight hours in the event of a new Israeli-Syrian conflict.

Tlas added that Syria's methods of fighting have changed and Israel is in for surprises in any future conflict. He mentioned Syria's newly acquired SAM-5 batteries in this context.

CIA reversal: Gives Israel access to satellite photos

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WASHINGTON. — The Washington Post yesterday reported that U.S. Central Intelligence Agency Director William Casey "has provided Israeli intelligence with access to sensitive satellite photographs and other reconnaissance information that had been denied the Israelis in the late 1970s."

Reporter Bob Woodward went on to note that "the extent of U.S.-Israeli cooperation on intelligence matters is a matter of some concern in the CIA. Some officials believe that Casey has gone too far. Others say, however, that the U.S. gets much crucial information in return from the well-respected Israeli services."

Woodward quoted retired Israeli military intelligence chief, Aluf (Res.) Yehoshua Saguy, as saying in an interview earlier this year that the CIA now gives Israel access to data from reconnaissance satellites, "not only the information but the photos themselves... Casey now says 'yes' all the time."

Saguy was quoted as saying that Casey's action was "very wise politically" and confirmed it was a reversal of the policy of former CIA director Stansfield Turner during the Carter administration.

Turner confirmed to Woodward that Saguy had come to him in 1980 and asked for information and data that he declined to provide. "Other

sources said the Israelis got satellite photos when George Bush was CIA director in 1976 and 1977, but that Turner agreed only to provide indirect information gained from the satellites," Woodward wrote.

Israel does not have its own technology for satellite reconnaissance, he added. "One official called the current CIA support 'Casey's gift,' and said it is so valuable to the Israelis that no price tag could be put on it," Woodward said.

He quoted an unnamed source as saying: "The Israelis would have every reason to do what Casey wanted."

Woodward's disclosures of Israeli-CIA cooperation were included in a lengthy article, which suggested that the CIA had indirectly sought Israeli and Saudi Arabian support for the pro-American guerrillas fighting the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

Israeli officials flatly denied that Israel had agreed to any covert support for the so-called contras in Nicaragua.

"We have not supplied any money to the contras, either directly or indirectly," an Israeli official said. "We are not consciously or with knowledge passing anything to the contras... We are not a surrogate for the United States."

Still, Woodward quoted U.S. officials as saying that Israeli assistance to the contras has totalled "several million dollars and appears to be reaching the contras through a South American intermediary."

Mideast envoy Rumsfeld quits

WASHINGTON (REUTERS). — The White House Friday announced the resignation of U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld, only five months after he took over from Philip Habib. No successor was named and officials acknowledged there was no longer anything for a U.S. Middle East envoy to do.

The U.S. has been on the diplomatic sidelines in Lebanon ever since President Amin Gemayel, under pressure from Syria, renounced the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement concluded a year ago with American help.

The White House said Rumsfeld would still be available for consultations. Laurence Silberman, a Washington lawyer who had been working with Rumsfeld, will con-



Donald Rumsfeld. (IPPA)

tinued as a part-time consultant on the Middle East.

Rumsfeld will return to his position as president of G.D. Searle, a major pharmaceutical concern, a job he had kept while filling the Middle East post.

Bill to bar 'disgraced' MKs from cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A proposed amendment to the Basic Law: The Government, which would stipulate that a person who has been convicted of a crime entailing public disgrace would be barred from serving as a cabinet minister for five years, is to come up in the Knesset this week.

The proposed amendment was tabled 60 days ago by MK Mordechai Virshupski of Shinui. According to Knesset rules it must be brought to a preliminary reading after 60 days, unless the government submits its own bill on a similar subject.

The proposal is an outgrowth of the Aharon Abuhazzeira affair, in which the former Tami minister of social affairs was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to three months in jail. He remained a Knesset member, but lost his cabinet post.

The bill is considered to be embarrassing to the two major parties, which are each angling for Tami to join a government coalition with them after the elections. It is believed that Tami's first demand would be that his leader, Abuhazzeira, receive a cabinet post.



Sankai Juku dancers from Japan are lowered from the walls of Jerusalem's Old City on Friday in the opening event of the Israel Festival. See story, page 2. (Yossi Zamir, Scoop 80)

Liberals clash over merger with Herut

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Scores of members of the Liberal Party's central committee last night decided to fight their leaders' apparent consent to Herut's conditions for continuing the Likud. Their rebellion could lead to the dissolution of the 11-year-old Likud bloc or to a split in the Liberal Party.

Last night's meeting at the office of Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat followed reports that Herut and Liberal negotiators were about to draft today an agreement on merging their two parties and to cut the Liberal's share in the list of Knesset candidates.

Herut and Liberal negotiators were scheduled to meet this morning to try to draft a declaration expressing their intention to merge the two parties and their agreement to

cut the Liberal Party's share in the Likud's Knesset list.

But Liberal Ministers Yitzhak Moda'i and Moshe Nissim indicated there was still much to conclude before taking such major steps. "Not everything had been agreed upon," Nissim said. "We are discussing and will continue to discuss the ideological principles of the new movement," he added.

The negotiators were to complete their work by this afternoon, when the Liberal Party's central committee is scheduled to meet here. Later this week the matter is scheduled to come before Herut's central committee.

The agreement which seemed to emerge on Friday was reached during talks among deputy prime ministers.

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La'am agrees to merge with Herut

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An agreement has been reached between the La'am faction and Herut on La'am's complete integration into Herut, and will be implemented as soon as the Knesset slate is submitted. MK Ehud Olmert of La'am told David Margalit on Israel Radio Friday evening.

When Menachem Begin was prime minister, he appointed a committee headed by Yitzhak Shamir to negotiate with La'am. Olmert explained, and the agreement was reached and initiated a few weeks before the decision to hold early elections.

"The Herut leadership felt it would look funny if people who had not been members of Herut suddenly participated in election of Herut

candidates," Olmert said. "So it was agreed that we would pick our own representatives within La'am and that our places on the Likud list would be guaranteed. As soon as the slate is submitted, and there won't be any sensitivity about new people coming into Herut. La'am will cease to exist as an independent organization and will merge completely into Herut."

In answer to questions about the confrontation between himself and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak in La'am last week, Olmert said he had decided to run for first place among La'am's representatives after Shostak had told him he would not run for another term and would himself support Olmert. "Later, he changed his mind, but by then I was already bound by my decision," said Olmert.

Security Council to meet about Ein Hilwe killings

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

The UN Security Council agreed on Friday to hear an Arab complaint of Israeli "aggression" against Palestinian refugees at the Ein Hilwe camp in southern Lebanon.

The special session requested by a group of 21 Arab countries is set to convene tomorrow afternoon.

The Arab complaint relates to incidents last Wednesday and Thursday in which at least two Palestinian women were killed.

On Wednesday, Israeli troops mounted a search for terrorists and arms in the camp, just outside Sidon, arresting several inhabitants, injuring others and blowing up a number of houses.

The following day, at least one woman was shot dead in clashes between camp residents and Israeli-backed militiamen. The residents were protesting against Wednesday's IDF actions.

Camp residents over the weekend claimed that a woman injured during the IDF search operation on Wednesday died of her wounds, according to an Associated Press report yesterday.

According to reports, the camp residents yesterday threw up barricades around Ein Hilwe. An IDF spokesman last night confirmed that the IDF was mounting patrols inside

the camp to maintain order. Meanwhile, over the weekend IDF units and troops from the South Lebanon Army mounted a large manhunt for five escapees from the Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon.

Ten detainees escaped from the camp on Thursday night last week, after cutting through the barbed wire perimeter fence. The troops guarding the facility fired at the escapees, killing one of them, and four others were caught on the spot. Five are still at large.

According to International Red Cross sources and news agency reports from Beirut, there are now some 400 detainees in Ansar.

In announcing the escape, Israel for the first time implicitly admitted that the camp is again being used as a prison. Almost all of the detainees were released in last year's prisoner exchange with the PLO.

IDF precautions against escaping from Ansar were recently stepped up.

Everton triumph

In the English FA Cup final at Wembley stadium in London, Everton took up where their Merseyside rivals Liverpool left off and won the trophy with a 1-0 triumph over Watford. (Story, page 7.)

Panamanian ship sunk by missile in Gulf Arab concern mounting over attacks on tankers

MANAMA, Bahrain. — Yesterday a Panamanian-registered freighter sank in the Gulf after being hit by an unidentified missile, while the 21-member Arab League was in the process of seeking western and Japanese help to secure oil tanker traffic in the war-stricken region.

The Arab War-Risk Insurance Fund, a conglomerate of 28 Gulf insurance companies, met in Doha, Qatar, for a major overhaul of insurance guidelines in light of the situation.

The 17,000-ton Panamanian ship "Fidelity" was struck by a missile, believed to be Iraqi, early Friday when it was headed to the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini with a cargo of steel from Spain.

Shipping sources in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, said that 24 crewmen of the Fidelity were rescued while nine others took to life rafts.

The Iraqi attack on Friday missed the oil-tanker Barcelona.

In Tunis, foreign ministers of the Arab League opened an emergency meeting with the Iranian attacks on Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian oil tankers in neutral waters leading the agenda.

The meeting was originally slated to discuss tension between Libya and Tunisia, but Kuwait insisted on immediate pan-Arab action to deter Iran.

Iranian warplanes crippled two Kuwaiti tankers on May 13 and May 14 and rocketed a Saudi tanker on May 16.

Reacting to the Iranian attacks, Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan said: "We must not be shaken by an attack on a tanker or anything like it. We have to remain alert for worse things. There must be a punishment to be inflicted on whosoever harms the rights of the (Saudi) nation."

Well-placed Saudi Arabian diplomatic sources said the Tunis meeting was not expected to produce any tangible, direct accord on

collective Arab action against Iran. In Rome, European Supreme Allied Commander Bernard Rogers said on Friday the U.S. was "very concerned" about attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf and would defend its allies in the area.

Rogers, replying to questions at an American Club luncheon, said the U.S. would defend allied countries in the Gulf "even though the U.S. depends less on the oil production than they do." Rogers did not elaborate which Arab allies he had in mind.

Iraq yesterday said it has cut Iran's oil exports by 55 per cent through its economic blockade of Iranian oil terminals and will continue to impose the blockade. Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan, who is also commander-in-chief of Iraq's para-military Popular Army, said Iraq's decision to impose an economic blockade on Iran's oil ports and terminals in the Gulf was "a constant decision that will continue."

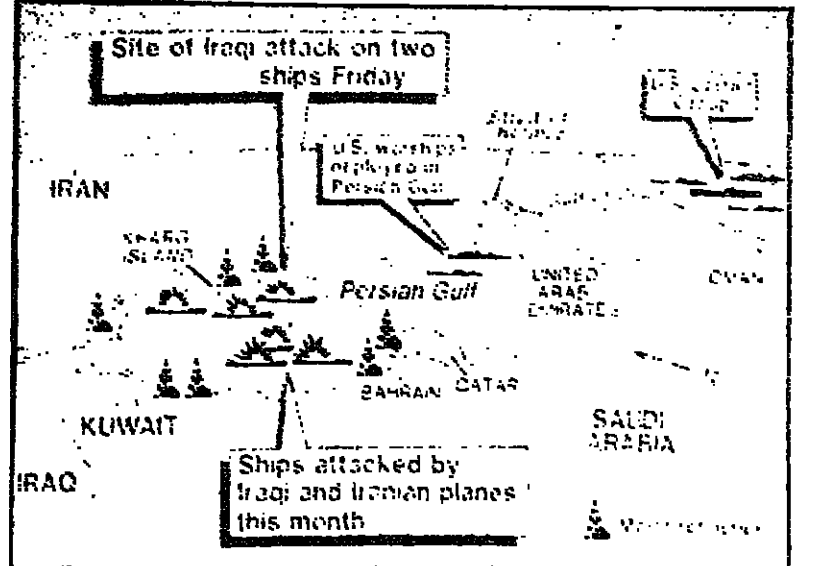
"The results of the Iraqi siege on

Iran have become clear now and have begun to show their effect... the amount of oil exported by Iran has decreased by 55 per cent as a result of the siege, the consequences of which were made clear by the fact that Iran then attacked Arab tankers," Ramadan said.

The Gulf situation on Friday sent North Sea crude oil prices soaring. Operators said Britain's Brent Grade was quoted at \$30.60 to \$30.75 a barrel, 75 cents above the official government price and up from Thursday's range of \$29.95 to \$30.

The Kuwaiti foreign minister confirmed on Friday that an Iranian air-force pilot defected to Saudi Arabia after refusing to carry out attack orders against a Kuwaiti oil tanker in the Gulf region.

Sheik Sabah al-Ahmed was talking to reporters before his departure for Tunis where he said he would deliver a detailed report on the Iranian attacks on Gulf tankers at the emergency session of the Arab League council. (AP, Reuters)



The Gulf war zone.

(UPI newsmag)

King Hassan lashes Arab critics

FEZ, Morocco (AP). — King Hassan II lashed out harshly at Arab critics of the conference of Moroccan Jews held last week in Rabat, saying Morocco was a sovereign nation and all of its citizens, Jews and others, had the right to meet.

The Israeli delegation is due back in Israel today. Members will immediately report to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The conference, held on May 12-13, was attended by about 500 people, including an official 35-member group from Israel that included par-

liamentarians, educators and journalists.

In a speech late Friday on the occasion of al-Kuds, or Jerusalem Day, Hassan deplored the attitude of some countries in the Middle East who failed to understand, "and I strongly fear that it will be years before they understand. Even more so because all that we are undertaking in this sense is in the interest of the Arab cause."

Hassan, who is president of the Jerusalem Committee of the Islamic Conference Organization, did not mention any country by name. But it

was obvious that he was referring to Syria, which reacted violently to the conference.

Syria recalled its ambassador from Rabat and demanded that the matter be put on the agenda of the Arab League council meeting of 16-reign ministers in Tunis.

"These countries know very well that Morocco has always fulfilled its engagements, not only at a long reflection and profound analysis toward this (Arab) cause, and that it will always be at the side of its brothers in defending their sacred rights," the king said.

Levinger still not cooperating with police

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Supporters of Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron who is currently in police custody on suspicion of knowledge of the activities of the alleged Jewish anti-Arab terrorist organization, are demanding his release so that he may attend a memorial service for six young settlers who were killed in the 1980 Beit Hadassah attack.

His supporters continued to maintain a vigil opposite Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's residence over the weekend. They have also obtained a licence for a demonstration opposite the police lock-up at the Russian Compound on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the president of the Jerusalem Magistrates Court, Judge Aharon Simha agreed on Friday to release on bail one of the 25 others being detained in the affair. So far, three of those originally arrested have been released on bail, while three others were remanded for a further five days during a special session inside the police headquarters on Friday afternoon.

Sources said over the weekend that Levinger continues to effectively refuse to cooperate with investigators and spends his time praying, reading or lecturing those who are trying to question him. It appears now that any hope the investigators had of Levinger cooperating and possibly leading to other accomplices or so-called spiritual leaders is rapidly fading.

Ironically, it is the Beit Hadassah massacre on May 3, 1980 which is widely seen as the immediate reason for the emergence of the alleged Jewish underground. Twenty-nine days after that attack, three of the most radical West Bank Palestinian mayors had their cars booby-trapped. Two were crippled and a Druse bomb disposal expert was blinded in the third blast.

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Betar loses lead

Post Sports Staff

After 18 consecutive weeks at the top, Betar Jerusalem dropped from the leadership of the National Soccer League yesterday after a 1-3 home defeat at the hands of Hapoel Tel Aviv. Maccabi Haifa, 1-0 winners over Hapoel Yehud, now lead Betar by a single point going into the final round of matches. (Story, Page 7)

Soviets trounce Israel

Post Sports Staff

Israel, overwhelmed by the Soviet Union, were defeated 106-79 in their opening match of the final pool in the Olympic qualifying basketball tournament in Paris last night.

The Russians jumped into an early lead, ground out a commanding 58-36 lead at the half, and were never really tested thereafter.

The Russians are on course to finish at the top of the eight-nation pool. Should they remain steadfast in their decision not to go to Los Angeles the team finishing fourth will join the other two leading countries in gaining a final place.

In earlier games, Spain defeated Sweden 97-66, France trimmed England 114-109 and West Germany outlasted Greece 91-73.

Lag Ba'omer bonfires light up country

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MERON. — Tens of thousands of pilgrims and vacationers had gathered by last night at the Mt. Meron site of the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai for this year's Lag Ba'Omer festivities.

The semi-holiday marks the end of the plague in which many of Rabbi Akiva's students died some 1,950 years ago and thus marks a break in the traditional period of mourning between Pessah and Shavuot.

Lag Ba'Omer bonfires representing the fires Rabbi Akiva's students lit to study Torah in defiance of the Roman occupation — dotted the hillsides of Meron and impromptu campfires throughout the country last night.

Today observant fathers will cut the hair of their three-year-olds sons for the first time in ceremonies all

over the country. The traditional *halake* ceremonies will be concentrated as every year at the Meron tombs of Shimon Bar-Yohai, reputed author of the basic Kabbalistic work, the *Zohar*, and his son, Rabbi Elazar.

On Friday, for the 151st year in a row, the traditional procession carrying a Torah scroll left from the house of the Abu family in Safad's old city to Rabbi Bar-Yohai's tomb.

Philippines violence

MANILA (AP). — At least two people were killed and 12 others wounded when police fired yesterday on thousands of angry rock-throwing demonstrators who charged a provincial capital building in Cebu City to protest alleged government cheating in Monday's national assembly elections. (Earlier report, page 3)

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JOHANNESBURG	6	11	20	Cloudy
LISBON	8	10	15	Cloudy
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Safed	32	18-24	16-24
Haifa Port	30	19-24	17-24
Tiberias	30	19-24	17-24
Nazareth	30	19-24	17-24
Afula	30	19-24	17-24
Shimon	31	19-24	17-24
Tel Aviv	84	20-26	21-27
B-G Airport	58	19-24	17-24
Jericho	17	25-36	24-32
Qaza	70	19-26	17-24
Beer-Sheva	38	19-30	17-24
Eilat	8	24-40	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

One hundred women journalists from around the world, here to attend a conference on the women's and family press, on Thursday visited the Wizo baby home and child centre in Jerusalem where they were received by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom, Israel Wizo acting chairman Ruth Tekoah and representatives of Wizo in Jerusalem.

Uzan file still under scrutiny

A police spokesman announced on Friday that investigative material concerning Labour, Social Affairs and Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan (Tami) had recently been submitted to Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of investigations.

The spokesman said that Carthy would examine the material and make recommendations, after which the file would be handed over to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir.

The matter concerns Uzan's alleged involvement in a bribery investigation of Nathan Hovav, the former secretary of Moshe Shetula. This January, the police found a receipt for furniture which Hovav bought Uzan for \$7,500 in 1975, when Uzan was agriculture minister in the Labour government.

Hovav had told investigators the money was a loan, which Uzan had paid back. In January Carthy said he then saw "no reason to ask explanations of Minister Uzan. Accepting a loan is not a crime." (Itim)

Haifa firemen stage one-day protest strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Firemen closed three of the city's four fire stations last night — Lag Ba'omer — leaving only three of their colleagues, with one engine, to handle emergency calls.

Fire brigade union spokesman Yigal Tushiya said they had taken the one-day action after the breakdown of their pay talks.

He warned the public not to light bonfires and stressed that if they did so, it would be at their own risk.

Address for donations

Donations for Shoshana Danoch, the Jerusalem woman whose urgently needed \$25,000 jaw operation can only be performed in a New York hospital, can be sent to a special account in her name (number 83100-88) at Bank Leumi's Rehavia branch, Jerusalem.

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HOME NEWS

High Court to rule on blacked-out 'Kolbotek' expose

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The High Court of Justice is today expected to rule on whether or not Israel Television can show the controversial *Kolbotek* programme exposing alleged irregularities in the conduct of preferred product and business polls.

Initially scheduled for transmission on May 1, the programme was deferred only a few hours before air time at the behest of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's legal adviser Nathan Cohen. It was subsequently revised and rescheduled for May 8. Again it was blacked out — the second time, because Milan, the company under *Kolbotek* scrutiny, won an interim restraining order preventing the programme from being screened.

Milan is an acronym for *Machon Yisraeli Lamutzar Ve'la'esek Hanivhar* (The Israel Institute for the Preferred Product and Business).

Kolbotek's investigation into the background of practices leading up to the awarding of the coveted most preferred citations, was sparked by a complaint made by Yairiv Ben-Yehuda, manager of the Lahav Weapons enterprise, to *Kolbotek* reporter Danny Levinstein.

Kolbotek producer, editor and compere Rafi Ginat stated in an affidavit that towards the end of

1983, Ben-Yehuda was approached by Milan representative Dalit Salzman, who showed him a brochure in which Lahav was listed as the most preferred business in its particular category for 1984. Ben-Yehuda was given to understand that if he wanted the official certificate to this effect, it would cost him \$27,000 plus VAT.

Asking for time in which to consider his decision, Ben-Yehuda contacted Levinstein.

Subsequently, *Kolbotek*, with the full approval of the then director general of the IBA, Yosef Lapid, established a fictitious company, S.L. Marketing Trade and Import, with the aim of gaining recognition as the most preferred business. Ben-Yehuda was asked to act as a liaison between Milan and S.L. Marketing.

Ben-Yehuda allegedly informed Salzman that he would decline the honour for his own company, but that he had a financial interest in a new marketing company, for which the citation might prove to be an effective promotional tool. A meeting was arranged by Ben-Yehuda between Salzman and Levinstein, alias Shmuel Lev, the proprietor of S.L. Ben-Yehuda had been requested by *Kolbotek* to emphasize to Salzman that S.L. was in no way involved in the trade of weapons.

After facilitating the introduction between Salzman and Lev (Levinstein), Ben-Yehuda bowed out of

the picture.

At the first meeting on January 4, 1984, Lev (Levinstein) was told how much prestige was attached to coming out on top in his category in the poll, and he was left with no doubts as to the price tag for prestige. At his second meeting with the Milan representative on January 12, he presented her with a cheque for \$30,050 made out to Milan. Both meetings were photographed and recorded with the aid of hidden cameras and microphones.

On January 18, S.L. Marketing received notification of its success in the marketing division of the most preferred business poll. The notification was accompanied by a receipt for the \$30,050.

Milan in its appeal accuses *Kolbotek* of deliberately setting a trap for Salzman and charges that photography was cleverly edited to represent something other than what actually occurred.

Shraga Biran, legal counsel for Milan, last night told *The Jerusalem Post*, that not all means justify the end. He charged that *Kolbotek* had used chicanery and had staged a situation by means of trickery, cheating, impersonating, bugging devices and hidden cameras.

Biran said that if the company loses its appeal, it will consider bringing a libel suit against the IBA.

Investigations made by *Kolbotek* show that Milan was established on November 10, 1981 by Meir Fleischer and attorney Shlomo Zvi on a \$500 basis.

In its brochure, Milan states that its public opinion polls are conducted by The Institute for Research and Statistics Ltd., and the Felman Polling and Statistics Institute. *Kolbotek* could find no company registered under the first name and the second company's address is at the office of attorney Shlomo Zvi.

Checking out the two companies with local experts in the field, *Kolbotek* discovered that nobody had heard of either of them. Two of the country's leading authorities, Dr. Mina Tzemach and Ya'acov Levy, in individually signed statements, expressed strong doubts as to the credibility of the Milan polls.

The IBA contends that the High Court does not have the authority to determine what may or may not be shown on Israel Television. The IBA is empowered by law to make its own decisions in this regard, other than in exceptional circumstances such as the Knesset elections, where it is muzzled by law. The IBA asserts that Milan is attempting to use the court as a censor, whereas Milan argues that *Kolbotek*'s method of gathering information constitutes an invasion of privacy.

Israel to seek joint ventures, capital at economic parley

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 400 foreign businessmen are taking part in the Jerusalem Economic Conference, which opens tonight with a reception at Beit Hanassi. "It's good news; we had expected only 250," Ya'acov Meridor, minister for economic affairs, told newsmen on Friday.

Two prominent personalities, Vice-President Etienne Davignon, vice-president of the European Community, and Dr. Nobuyuki Fukuda, president of Japan's Tsukuba University, were prevented at last minute from attending. Substitutes will

represent them.

This is Israel's third major international get-together on economic cooperation, the first having taken place in 1968 and the second in 1973. The present conference is strictly business as most participants are not even Jewish. "They seek their interest, we seek ours," Meridor said. The result he hopes for is joint ventures, especially in research and development.

Israel has shown exceptional abilities in R and D, offering a service that many foreign industrialists will think worth buying, claimed Meridor.

The main shortcoming in Israel's industrial repertoire is marketing. There is room here also for cooperative link ups with foreign firms, he added.

"Israel is also short of capital to achieve its growth targets," Meridor declared bluntly. "We need outside investments." He stressed that the traditional lavish grants and cheap loans for "approved enterprises" are not going to be available on the same scale this time. "We can't spare the money," he said.

Asked whether investors might not be put off by Israel's 400 per cent inflation, Meridor stated firmly: "It

doesn't concern them. Everything is dollar-linked or index-linked here, which creates a serious currency problem for the Israelis. The foreigner is not involved in all that. He will operate in dollars and take his earnings out in dollars."

Questioned about the small number of speakers from the Labour opposition, Meridor emphasized that he does not want to mix politics with the conference. "We have invited Danny Rosolio, head of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim (the Histadrut's holding company) to speak, also Gad Ya'cobi, Labour's shadow finance minister. That should solve the problem equitably," he smiled.

High Court rules in favour of right to demonstrate

In a ruling of constitutional significance, the High Court of Justice yesterday upheld the right of demonstration and stressed that the existence of a hostile crowd should not be allowed to prevent people from demonstrating. "The rabble should not be given a right of veto and violence should not be rewarded," said the court judgement.

The ruling, critical of the police, was delivered after the Committee Against the War in Lebanon applied to the court to order the police to allow the committee to stage a march in central Jerusalem on March 10 last year to mark 30 days to the murder of Peace Now demonstrator Emil Grunzweig in a grenade attack.

The police, arguing that a demonstration could spark violence, prohibited the march.

The committee applied to the High Court, arguing that the police

were curbing basic freedoms of expression and demonstration. The court ordered the police to allow the march and to protect the marchers.

On Friday the court, composed of Justices Aharon Barak, Dov Levin and Shoshana Netanayahu issued the reasons for its judgement.

The court said that the police could consider prohibiting a demonstration only if there was "near certainty" not merely fears and concern, that a protest could spark public disorder and violence.

In the judgement, formulated by Barak, the High Court gave priority to the right to demonstrate, and stated that the existence of a hostile crowd or the potential existence of such a crowd should not be allowed to prevent a demonstration. The police were mistaken when they attempted to prevent the committee's march, the court ruled.

Druse unhappy over Labour election slotting

Special to The Jerusalem Post
JULIS. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres is to meet with a Druse delegation today in Tel Aviv in a bid to reduce Druse community tension over the party's failure to appoint a Druse to a safe slot on its election list.

Druse spiritual and secular leaders

are reportedly annoyed by the Labour appointment committee decision. Clergymen have been considering imposing a religious ban on voting for the Alignment, while secular leaders and young people have been making efforts towards setting up an independent Knesset list.

Syrian flags, hostile slogans at Druse gathering

GOLAN HEIGHTS (Itim). — Thousands of pro-Syrian Druse waved Syrian flags and shouted anti-Israel slogans Friday during a gathering at Majdal Shams marking the 40th anniversary of the death of Druse leader Nur e-Din Kanj Abu Salah. Kanj was a general in the

Syrian Army and a member of that country's national council. A simultaneous gathering took place just across the border in Syria within earshot of Majdal Shams, during which time Druse on this side of the border chanted "We love the Syrian flag. Long live Assad."

Syrians and Iranian guards clash in northern Bekaa

BEIRUT (AP). — President Amin Jemayel's national coalition government yesterday completed a policy agenda aimed at ending the civil war amid reports of a Syrian-Iranian shootout in eastern Lebanon and fresh unrest in the Israeli-occupied south.

One Syrian soldier was killed and three Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards were wounded in a 20-minute clash with small arms in the east Lebanese city of Baalbek Friday evening, reports reaching here yesterday said.

Dispatches sent by car by Baalbek-based reporters said Syrian Army soldiers were disarming and arresting Iranian Revolutionary Guards at checkpoints on the main roads linking Baalbek with the rest of the eastern Bekaa Valley. But the number of arrests could not be determined.

There was no word on what touched off the gunbattle. The Syrians were seen exchanging fire with Iranians around a tent near the city's Khawam Hotel, which the Iranians used as their headquarters.

The Syrians eventually stormed and burned the tent, and most of the Iranian fighters fled to the fields around the city, leaving behind their wounded.

In Beirut, hostilities subsided yesterday following overnight artillery attacks on residential neighbourhoods that left five people killed and 44 wounded by police counts.

Prime Minister Rashid Karamah said the half-Christian, half-Muslim government completed its policy statement at a five-hour session headed by Jemayel at his summer palace in his home town of Bikfaya, 16 kilometres northeast of Beirut.

"The council of ministers has approved the final draft of the policy statement," Karamah told reporters after the meeting. "We shall now seek a parliament session to declare and debate the policy statement for a vote of confidence."

Karamah, a 62-year-old veteran Sunni Muslim politician backed by Syria, refused to disclose the contents of the document.

Karamah yesterday received a message from the Soviet government, delivered by the Soviet ambassador to Beirut Alexander Soldatov. After the meeting, Soldatov told reporters that Moscow supports the Karamah government and said Karamah had a standing invitation to visit Moscow.

Some 20 students hurt in Bir Zeit clash

BIRZEIT (Itim). — A large-scale brawl at the university here left some 20 students injured and tensions high on Friday afternoon.

The clash, between the pro-Yasser Arafat faction and students supporting the PLO rebels, involved some 150 students.

Talks continue on top police reshuffle

Talks on the reassignment of several top police officers will continue today, with the goal of coming to an agreement this weekend.

According to reports, the name of Nitzav (commander) David Krause, president of the internal police court, has been mooted for replacing Nitzav Avraham Turgeman as Tel Aviv district commander. Turgeman has been offered the position of

southern district commander, now held by Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, who has been appointed police liaison to the U.S. Turgeman has not yet accepted the offer.

Police sources say that if the reassignment efforts are unsuccessful, no reshuffling will be done. If the talks do bear fruit, it is probable that there will be further reappointments among lower ranks. (Itim)

New officer named in Hefetz case

The police on Friday appointed Tat-Nitzav (deputy commander) Levi Shaul, deputy head of the northern district, as president of the disciplinary court which is to try Nitzav-Mishne (assistant commander) Assaf Hefetz.

Hefetz was suspended in March from his post as head of the Tel Aviv district's crack Central Unit. He was charged with having leaked information to the press about police mistakes in handling intelligence regarding the attempted attack on the Temple Mount Moslem shrines by the so-called Lifa gang. Police

Inspector-General Arye Ivizan had originally wanted Hefetz criminally prosecuted but Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir ruled against it.

Sgan-Nitzav (chief superintendent) Alex Ish-Shalom and Nitzav-Mishne Moshe Barudo, will sit alongside Shaul as members of the tribunal.

Nitzav (commander) David Krause resigned from the court presidency a few weeks ago and at least one other police officer declined to accept the job of presiding at Hefetz's trial.

Income tax brackets to be adjusted

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The Treasury will adjust the income tax brackets this month as wage-earners in the economy get a special 12-per-cent compensation decided upon by the Histadrut and the private employers, a ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The payment of the special 12-per-cent compensation will probably drive May's inflation rate beyond the 12-per-cent mark. Last week the Central Bureau of Statistics announced that it could account already for a 7.5 per-cent price increase for May. The 12-per-cent

wage increase will automatically add some 2.5 per cent to this figure, since the housing item in the consumer price index is estimated in such a way that it reflects every cost-of-living allowance payment. To this figure will be added the "regular" increase in prices.

If the CPI rises by 12 per cent or more this month, wage-earners will be compensated by some 9.6 per cent or more in their June wage packet, in accordance with the new C-0-1 agreement. This would be added to the 4.5 per cent compensation already agreed between the labour federation and the private employers.

Special events to mark Children's Week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
International Children's Week begins today and Israel will join 62 other nations in a week of activities devoted to the child and its environment.

Special seminars will be held in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, as well as in development towns, on a variety of subjects including the immigrant child, the arab child, the hospitalized child, youth rehabilitation and outstanding actions by children.

More than 20 schools will serve as

hosts to members of the international diplomatic corps, and Israeli diplomats abroad will visit local schools in the countries of their service.

The Education Ministry, which together with a large number of Israeli companies is sponsoring the event, says that the cooperation between countries concerning International Children's Week is at a very high level and that almost all participants are also willing to cooperate in other areas on an international basis.

Festival of Arab art, theatre, dance and song

An exhibit of painting and sculpture by Arab artists and a display of traditional craft work in copper, wood, leather and cloth will be among the attractions featured at Beit Hagefen in Haifa next week during Arab Culture Week.

The public is also invited to visit a traditional Beduin tent at the Arab-

Jewish centre, and to see folklore performances in the evenings. Other events will include Arab Theatre, Day at the Haifa Auditorium on Sunday, and seminars for teachers on the Arabic language.

Next Thursday will see the annual Arabic song festival, to be covered by Israel Television and Kol Yisrael.



Soldiers of the resurrected Givati infantry brigade storm a hill in an exercise last week somewhere in the south. (IDF photo)

Sankai Juku rope-danglers kick off Israel Festival

By HAIM SHAPIRO
and MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The quiet that usually engulfs Jerusalem on Friday just before Shabbat was shattered this week by a group of Japanese dancers hanging from the walls of the Old City.

The four members of the Sankai Juku dance troupe, in white body paint and little else, hung by their feet from ropes which were slowly lowered from the southwest corner of the walls to the sound of low, plaintive music.

A crowd of several thousand broke into a sigh of relief and applause when the dancers reached the ground.

During the descent, Mayor Teddy Kollek announced the opening of the Israel Festival. One of the dancers suffered cuts as he was lowered from the wall. He was treated at hospital and released, but doctors told him to rest for a day or two before reappearing in the group's act.

The performance caused a few

hours of traffic jams, with police blocking cars from driving up Hebron Road to the Jaffa Gate.

Other events started earlier in the day on Friday. The Odin Theatre gave a special performance of Bertolt Brecht's *Ashes to Ashes* at the Jerusalem Theatre.

On the Ben-Yehuda mall downtown, the Bond Street Theatre Coalition, from New York, mingled on stiffs with the crowd.

The city-sponsored *Hora Efram* dance group and their accompanists, all aged eight to 10, got enthusiastic applause in the mid-afternoon heat.

Dora Sowden adds: Of the half-dozen opening events of the Israel Festival last night, none could have been more provocative than *The Garden*, choreographed by Natsui Nakajima and performed by her and Yuriko Maezawa.

The complete body control, the facile mime, the clever use of light and sound were never in doubt. Yet the many tiny scenes hardly added up to what the programme claimed as the recollections of a lifetime.

7 pedestrians killed on roads last week

Seven persons were killed and 67 injured in 64 road accidents last week. All those killed were pedestrians, five of them children. Of those injured, 43 were children.

On Friday morning, in Eilat, five persons were injured in a three-vehicle collision in the centre of town. Four of them were slightly hurt and one was moderately injured

when a car and a van collided head on, then both vehicles struck a parked car.

Last week traffic police held a special crackdown in the central region, during which 35 officers handed out 370 traffic citations. Sixty-eight drivers were tired in summary hearings, 31 of whom were found to be unfit to drive. (Itim)

Palestinian culture director 'missing'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Aluf (Res.) Marti Peled, head of the Alternative Movement, has demanded that the government explain what has happened to Salah Baransi, director of the Palestinian Cultural Institute in

Taipei.

In cables to Interior Minister Yosef Burg and police Inspector General Arye Ivizan, Peled said that Baransi was due back from London on Thursday and was apparently picked up by the police at Ben-Gurion Airport. But the police have refused to disclose what has happened to the man, said Peled.

Peled demanded that the police immediately let Baransi go.

Israelis barred from Yugoslav meeting

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Yugoslav government has refused to grant entry visas for a three-man Hapoel delegation to the European Federation of Cooperative Sport taking place this weekend near Dubrovnik. The federation, of which Israel is a

full member, is the umbrella organization for sports activities at places of work.

Avigdor Dagan, director of Hapoel's international department reported on Friday that federation secretary-general Gustav van Heyck of Belgium unsuccessfully had interceded on Israel's behalf.

'Israel not a nuclear garbage dump'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The director of the Environmental Protection Service in the Interior Ministry, Dr. Uri Marinov, on Friday strongly rejected the proposal that Israel dispose of the West's nuclear waste in the Negev.

The proposal was made by visiting energy and environment expert Professor Bernard Cohen of Pittsburgh University in an interview published in *The Jerusalem Post* last Thursday.

"Israel is not the garbage can of the world. If the U.S. and Western Europe have been unable to find a solution to the disposal of radioactive territories, certainly our little Negev is not the proper place for it," Marinov told *The Post*.

East Bloc unveils plans for own games

GOETZIS, Austria (AP). — Soviet Bloc countries, seeking to compensate their athletes for the Olympic boycott, are arranging a series of international sports events that also will be open to western competitors, a Soviet sports official was quoted as saying yesterday.

Alexander Ushakov, head trainer of a Soviet decathlon team participating in a meet at this week's Austrian town, told sport reporter Olaf Brockmann that the events were tentatively set in the Soviet Union, East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Events were scheduled either before or after the Los Angeles games, so as not to conflict with the Olympic charter banning any form of "counter-Olympics." Ushakov re-

portedly said.

Brockmann said the Soviet official told him that "western athletes would be invited to all meets — including any Olympic medal winners that wanted to come."

A track and field competition had already been scheduled tentatively for Aug. 15-20, mostly in Prague, said Ushakov, according to Brockmann.

A track and field meet on July 21-22 in East Berlin and Potsdam, East Germany, announced even before the Soviet decision, would be "upgraded" to allow more entrants, he quoted Ushakov as saying.

Poland, which on Thursday became the 10th nation to join the Soviet pull-out, was being considered for fencing, modern pentathlon and boxing competitions, Brockmann added.

And Soviet Bloc athletes had mentioned Moscow as a "possible host for swimming meets."

Poland's move left Rumania alone among Moscow's allies yet to say whether it will go to Los Angeles.

In Lausanne on Friday, the International Olympic Committee lamented the Soviet boycott, and IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch bluntly described the pullout as unjustified.

The IOC meeting had failed to soften the Soviet stand.

Soviet Olympic chairman Marat Samarin sat silently through the Samaranch news conference, and left before Los Angeles Olympic

organizing committee president Peter Ueberroth spoke. He had earlier told reporters that the Soviet decision "is final."

Ueberroth, barely hiding his disappointment and anger during his news conference, noted the Soviets were sending as many as 300 judges, journalists and officials to Los Angeles despite their chief complaint — that security was lacking and Soviet athletes were in danger.

In addition to complaints about Los Angeles crime and smog, the Soviets have accused the U.S. government of meddling in Olympic preparations and said security was not sufficient to prevent attacks on Soviet athletes by "anti-Soviet" groups planning demonstrations.



Moslem religious leaders on Friday march through Beirut's Sabra refugee camp, protesting against the deaths last week of a number of Palestinian women in the refugee camp at Ein Hilwe, in Israeli-controlled Southern Lebanon. The women were killed in clashes between camp residents and local militiamen. (UPI telephoto.)

20 people burned alive 67 killed in two days of Hindu-Moslem riots

BOMBAY (AP). — Twenty people were burned alive yesterday when rioters set fire to a hut on the outskirts of Bhiwandi in the worst Hindu-Moslem rioting in India in 14 years, a state official said. The death toll rose to 67.

Maharashtra special secretary B.K. Chowgule said the 20 Moslems were trapped and burned.

Police rescued 15 people from the fire and shot one man to death, Chowgule said.

Police also opened fire in two places in Bhiwandi yesterday afternoon, killing 10 rioters, he said.

Bhiwandi is a hand-loom centre 75 km. from Bombay. Sixty per cent of its 450,000 people are Moslems, most of them poor textile weavers or labourers. Most of the factory and shop owners are Hindus, and the economic disparity has fanned inter-communal tensions.

More than 6,000 people were left homeless in two days of rioting and arson in Bhiwandi, which has been plagued by communal rioting over the years. In May, 1970, 200 people were killed there in India's worst communal bloodletting to date.

In Bombay, meanwhile, four police constables were shot and criti-

cally wounded yesterday afternoon when someone in a mob fired at them, police said.

Police said at least 56 people were killed in Bhiwandi and Thane districts and at least 11 died in Bombay, including four arsonists who were shot to death by police in Bombay last night, in two days of rioting.

Curfew was imposed in four central metropolitan areas with predominantly Moslem population. Shops were closed, sporadic fighting broke out, and militant Hindus blocked traffic in the port city of 8.5 million.

Police in Bhiwandi and Bombay were ordered to shoot rioters on sight. They reported 1,178 people were arrested since Thursday night, 633 of them in Bombay.

Army reinforcements and paramilitary troops were rushed to Bhiwandi. But rioters burned three sizeable factories and damaged two power looms in the morning.

The government first ordered army and police escorts for all transport trucks passing through the textile centre on the Bombay-Agra national highway, but later all traffic was stopped.

Kenya to act on dumped stowaways

NAIROBI (AP). — Kenya is sending a high-level delegation to Athens to seek compensation from the Greek government for 11 Kenyan stowaways allegedly thrown overboard in shark-infested waters by a Greek captain, Foreign Minister Elijah Mwangi said Friday.

He also said Somalia was being asked to search for survivors, though the incident occurred two months ago.

The stowaways had boarded a Greek-flag cargo vessel at Mombasa, Kenya, and were reportedly forced to jump overboard and swim

to shore some 13 kilometres off the Somali coast.

Mwangi said, "We have had confirmation from the Greek government that eight Greek citizens and three Pakistanis have been detained pending trial for this terrible action. Kenya condemns the action in the strongest terms possible."

"It is an abominable and bloody act perpetrated by the Greek captain and his crew. The Greek captain had all the options under maritime laws to either return the stowaways to the port of embarkation or to deliver them at the next port of call and have them repatriated accordingly."

7,000 Poles attend memorial service for pupil

WARSAW (AP). — An estimated 7,000 people attended a memorial mass on Friday for a 19-year-old Solidarity backer who died a year

ago from injuries suffered in a beating inflicted after he was detained by police.

Two ambulance drivers, two policemen and two doctors are scheduled for trial on May 31, charged in connection with the death of high school senior Grzegorz Przymyk.

His mother, Barbara Sadowska, who had worked at a Roman Catholic relief centre that provided aid to jailed Solidarity activists, attended the mass.

After the service, more than 3,000 people walked silently to Przymyk's grave nearly 3.2 kilometres away.

Police vehicles were parked on side streets but the police did not interfere with the march.

Western bid to revamp Unesco

PARIS (Reuters). — Western nations launched a campaign yesterday for reform of Unesco against the background of complaints that the UN body is over-politicized and is facing a deep crisis.

Speaking at a meeting of the body's executive board, West German representative Karl Moersch said the decision by the U.S. to withdraw from Unesco (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) at the end of 1984 had brought the crisis in the Paris-based body to the surface.

British board member William Dodd opened a debate on proposals for reform saying "what we are seeking is to try to make Unesco a leaner, less political, more effective body which makes a major contribution to world development."

A British-French resolution to set up a working group to report to the next board session in September, yesterday won the backing of the Soviet Union, whose delegate said Moscow was "not particularly keen" but would go along with the proposal.

Burmese battle in 'Golden Triangle'

TAUNGGYI, Burma (AP). — Burmese troops have fought their way into the temporary headquarters of Khun Sa, regarded as one of the kingpins of narcotics trafficking in the "Golden Triangle."

Brigadier Aye San, Commander of Burma's eastern military region, told newsmen here yesterday nine government soldiers were killed and 34 wounded in three days of fighting before the camp was captured on May 10.

The headquarters was in the Lo Lo Chan area near the border with Thailand's northern province of Chiang Rai, a traditional stronghold, for Khun Sa and his Shan United Army.

The brigadier said the bodies of two of Khun Sa's followers were found, along with communications equipment and some weapons. Other dead and wounded are believed to have been carried away by the rebels.

DRAFT MERGER

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ter David Levy, former finance minister Yoram Aridor and MK Ronnie Milo on behalf of Herut and Energy Minister Modai and Justice Minister Nissim for the Liberals.

The Liberals appear to have accepted Herut's demands that they have a smaller share in the Likud's list of Knesset candidates. Herut wanted them to have only 12 slots among the first 40 in the joint list, compared with 16 in the outgoing Knesset. Herut is also willing to give the Liberals four slots between the 40th and 50th places on the Likud slate, as they did previously.

After the talks, Levy indicated the Liberals had accepted the demand, and Modai and Nissim would not deny Levy's statement. Talks are now to focus on where the Liberals will be placed.

Participants in Friday's talks said most of the time was spent discussing the merger of the two parties.

There appeared to be no agreement on this yet and Levy, trying to create an upbeat mood, said the parties had agreed this was desirable and that they will "strive" to reach it.

Last Wednesday Levy had demanded concrete steps towards merger by May 31, but Friday his tone appeared mellow. "We reached an agreement in principle," he said. "Unity will not be forced. It is a desire which is mutual and that is how we conducted the talks."

He expected the declaration to be prepared today would touch all aspects of the merger, including a single Knesset faction, unified organizational and executive institutions with one central committee and joint assets. "We will decide on an operational way acceptable to both

sides," he said.

Referring to merging the assets, Levy said, "This is one of the most minor points. The main thing is the ideology and the policy of the new political entity."

Nissim declined to dwell on the differences, saying they were not "necessarily" differences of opinion. But another well-placed source said there were many unresolved issues, including how to fight inflation. On Friday Modai said the Liberals' ideas do not provide an answer to the country's inflation.

Likud Party participation in the Likud is important, because the Liberals could sway some of the undecided voters toward the Likud. Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said on Israel radio yesterday. According to the polls, the Likud and Alignment are neck and neck, and undecided votes will be critical.

Patt said he had suggested that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir make the final decision on whether there be 12 or 13 Liberal MKs in the first 40 on the Likud slate, and 16 or 18 in the first 50. Herut, however, did not want to put Shamir on the spot. Patt said, "I hope we will find a formula to settle these differences. After all, we want to unite the Likud for generations."

As for the Liberals running on their own, Patt said they would get fewer MKs that way, because the voters do not want small parties. This, however, does not reflect how many votes the Liberals can bring to the Likud. Patt hastened to add, "There is no way to know who brings in more votes. No. 8 on the Liberal slate or No. 8 on the Herut slate," he said.

Swiss unveil hydrogen-powered truck prototype

WUERENLINGEN, Switzerland (Reuters). — Swiss researchers on Thursday unveiled a revolutionary hydrogen-powered truck which emits only steam and air in its exhaust.

It is the world's first such vehicle to have been developed as a prototype, officials of the Swiss Atomic Research Institute told reporters.

Carbon Monoxide and nitric oxide pollution from conventional automobile exhausts has been widely blamed by scientists for the demise of forests all over Europe.

Overall costs are slightly below present petrol prices, project leader Mieczyslaw Taube said, adding that the main disadvantage is the system's bulk, making it best suited to trucks and buses.

Taube hoped one-fifth of Switzerland's 40,000 commercial vehicles would eventually run on hydrogen. The vehicle has been developed by the Atomic Research Institute here with funds from the Swiss government and private enterprise.

British poet laureate John Betjeman, at 77

LONDON (AP). — Sir John Betjeman, Britain's poet laureate, died early yesterday at his vacation home in southwestern England after a long illness, according to friends. He was 77.

Betjeman's official duty as poet laureate, a job dating to the 17th century, was to record the great events of state in verse, and he had come under some criticism for not writing enough. He wrote nothing of the British victory over Argentina in the 1982 Falklands war.

Betjeman had never fully recovered from a stroke he suffered in 1981. He was hospitalized for 12 days in August of last year after a serious heart attack.

LANGUAGES. — U.S. Education Secretary T.H. Bell has called for more foreign language study in the U.S., noting that he himself knows only English.

Marcos' success assured as vote count continues

MANILA (AP). — Despite opposition gains, President Ferdinand Marcos' ruling party was leading yesterday in enough races for a clear majority in the National Assembly election.

Both government and independent vote totals indicated for the first time late Friday that a majority of Marcos-backed candidates were winning in the races for 183 seats. Marcos appoints an additional 17 assembly members.

By yesterday morning, the sixth day of laborious vote-counting, only 103 candidates had been proclaimed winners — 65 from Marcos' Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (New Society Movement) and 38 members of opposition parties or independents.

The National Citizens Movement for Free Elections, which until Friday evening had shown opposition candidates ahead for a majority of seats, reported 98 Marcos candi-

dates leading, compared with 85 for other parties.

Since the day after the election the government had claimed at least 100 KBL candidates were ahead. Marcos predicted he would get 140 seats.

At city halls and other vote-counting centres across this multi-island nation, election officials read out and recorded vote totals from thousands of precincts as members of the opposition and government parties watched.

Major political parties were allowed to have people at each polling and counting centre to watch the conduct of the election.

The election commission was investigating formal complaints of fraud in 32 races.

Opposition leaders also were conducting investigations, with teams of lawyers leaving Manila yesterday to check contested results in several provinces.

Sudan punishes thieves, destroys liquor

KHARTOUM (AP). — The right hands of two convicted armed robbers were amputated in public Friday at Khartoum's main prison, according to authorities.

This brings to nine the number of convicted criminals whose right hands were chopped off in accordance with Islamic law put into effect last September by Sudan's president.

Ja'afar Numeiri.

Also on Friday, Numeiri ordered the destruction of \$11.2 million worth of liquor which belonged to foreign embassies, duty-free shops, and some corporations and individuals and had been stored at Port Sudan. Islam forbids the manufacture, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Greece expels U.S. diplomat for death probe

ATHENS (Reuters). — Greece has expelled a member of the U.S. Embassy staff here for activities incompatible with his diplomatic status, the chief government spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman declined to comment on a report in the Greek satirical magazine *Pontiki* (The Mouse)

that the expelled employee was the deputy CIA station chief in Athens.

But he confirmed *Pontiki's* report that the man had been declared unwelcome because he had infringed on Greek jurisdiction in his investigation of the assassination of U.S. Navy Captain George Tsantes last November.

Senate gives Reagan a budget victory

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Senate has given President Ronald Reagan a victory on his plan to cut U.S. budget deficits by \$142 billion over three years, by freezing non-defence spending and raising taxes.

The proposal was approved by a 65-32 vote on Thursday despite complaints by opposition Democrats that defence spending should also be cut to relieve pressure on rising U.S. interest rates.

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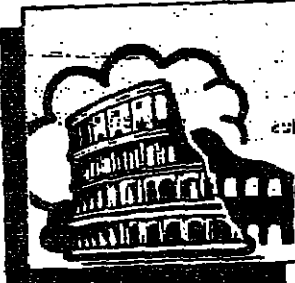
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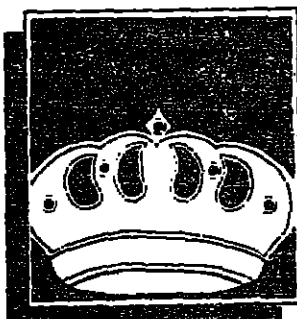
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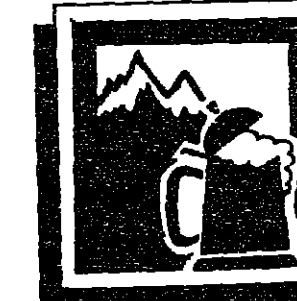
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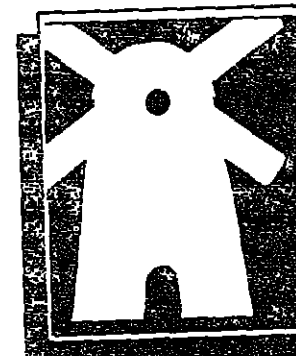
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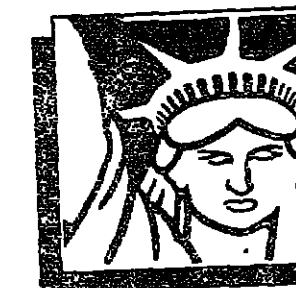
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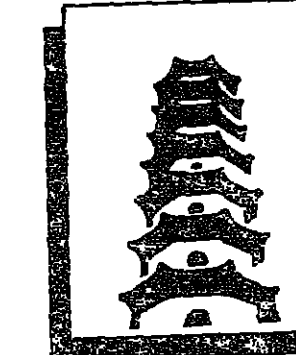


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The 'garden industry' concept

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's showplace for the international economic conference starting tonight should be a new project, the "garden industry" going up at Rose City in the Galilee. This is the view of its creator, industrial Stef Wertheimer, head of Iscar Tools.

Rose City can be described as an industrial village. "We want villages like that to spring up all over the country, as kibbutzim used to spring up everywhere," he says. They should contain 10-12 factories, which must figure as an integral part of the community, like the houses and gardens. The factories and gardens go together, in Wertheimer's view.

Industry has an ugly, smoke-stack, wage-slave image. Respectable people prefer to work in banks or other white-collar sectors. But the growth industries of our time are no longer a dirty repetitive activity. The accent in Rose City is on cleanliness, comfort and natural scenery.

Manufacturing is a glamorous occupation, in Stef Wertheimer's view, and it must be presented as such to Israel's younger generation. Agriculture used to be glamorous, when it was the key to the restoration of Jewish nationhood. The army was glamorous when Israel fought for physical survival.

Today the country's future depends on industry, and Wertheimer has developed a whole philosophy around that idea. The Zionist spirit was once collective, he recalls — it must now be individualistic. People used to work with their hands, henceforth they must work with their heads. The pioneers sought austerity, their successors today re-

quire a better quality of life.

The elite under his new ideology will be young entrepreneurs with little capital but a burning idea in their heads: they have thought up a way of producing something new which may command a market.

HOW TO HELP such welcome initiatives? Tefen is the answer. This is the name of an industrial park under construction in Rose City. It differs from other such facilities in that it will include a launching-pad for the young beginners.

They are expected to stay there no longer than three years. By then their firm is either big enough to seek larger premises elsewhere, or the idea was not a good one. During those critical three years they will have at their beck and call ancillary services which, as beginners, they cannot afford to create for themselves: accounting, advertising, printing, telex, a typing pool, a computer bureau, meeting-rooms, also access to friendly advice from big-shot industrialists like Uzi Galil, Avraham Suhani, Dov Lautman, Stef himself — all of whom are board members of what is officially called the Bridging Services Industrial Park (BSIP).

Every three years or so a dozen young investors will try their hand at adding new specialist contributions to Israel's manufacturing effort. Criteria for eligibility include the submission of a production plan, with a readiness to start exporting one year after the plant is operational. Rental housing will be available for the operator and his family in the residential area.

A word of caution: no-one lives in Rose City yet. But 330 people have bought plots there and 75 houses are

under construction.

WERTHEIMER opposes the philosophy of the beggar-bowl. People should earn a living by their own efforts, without a government to bail them out. Likewise Israel as a nation should pay its own way, without fund-raising drives among Jews overseas.

"The UJA supplies us with \$300m-400m a year. Five per cent more industrial workers, each producing \$50,000 of exports, could earn that sum of foreign currency net, without any recourse to donations," he points out, adding: "Such financial assistance was a life-saver to use at the beginning, but we are grown up now. We should be able to manage by ourselves."

"Israel's industry has grown," he admits that, "but not enough — witness the gaping deficit in our balance of payments." His solution is to expand production; not just any production, but the kind that can carve out a place for itself in world markets.

Growth must be rapid. "We need a thousand more entrepreneurs," he declares. He wants the government, which interferes everywhere, to get out of the way. He wants room for the kind of expansion that counts, industrial expansion. He hates red-tape, paper-work, bureaucracy.

He doesn't favour big companies (he has decentralized his own, locating one branch in Tefen, to help the place start up). He believes in a multitude of small undertakings. He would like to see the new ones not in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, where the Treasury's offices are round the corner, nor in Haifa or Rehovot, huddling under the shadows of giant universities.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Public still shuns market in favour of bank deposits

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first full trading week in almost a month saw the share market recover from sharp falls on Sunday and Monday to regain a more even keel as the week closed. Turnover figures, which had swelled under the selling pressures, shrivelled up in the last two trading days to below the \$2 million level.

The announcement of the 20.6 per cent rise in the April price index, enormous though that figure may be, had no impact on trading, either in shares or in index-linked bonds. A jump in the index of this magnitude had been expected and the market had taken it into account before the official confirmation.

Even the foreign currencies failed to give much of a return last week, as the pace of devaluation slowed down to a crawl.

It seems clear that the general public, which is certainly not short of funds at the moment, is not directing any of its money to the stock or bond market. The reason for this is not hard to discover: the rate of return on bank deposits, *tapas* or *pakam* accounts in the banks, for periods of a few days or weeks, is well in excess of the expected 10-11 per cent rise in the index during May.

When faced with a choice between a guaranteed real return on a risk-free short-term deposit, or an inherently risky venture into stocks or even bonds, with their attendant commission charges and government levies, most people will clearly opt for the former.

The trading floor is thus given over to the activities of professional traders on the one hand, and the managers and other major shareholders who, in many companies, are using the currently very low level of prices to increase their holdings in their own companies.

This last phenomenon is becoming quite commonplace, especially amongst industrial companies. Many large shareholders are convinced of their own companies' intrinsic value and regard an investment in their own shares as the best alternative available.

Numerous issues were left untraded for one or sometimes even two or three days. There were quite simply no orders, either to buy or sell. In other instances, ridiculously small orders gave rise to sharp price movements in one direction or another. In one case, an offer to sell 300 shares of Alaska Sportlife brought about a drop of 9 per cent in the price of the share, wiping \$100,000 off the market value of the company, before finally an investment of \$13,300 (\$7) bought up the shares offered.

Overall, despite the falls at the beginning of the week, the General Share Index fell less than one per cent on the week, and the non-bank index fell 1.47 per cent. The big drops were concentrated in a few sectors, notably oil companies (-13.65 per cent), mortgage banks (-5.68 per cent) and services and trade (-5.13 per cent), while investment companies registered a weekly gain of 1.95 per cent.

WALL STREET WEEK

Gulf war, bank troubles add to investors' worries

NEW YORK (AP). — Financial problems at one of the nation's major banks and air attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf gave stock market investors something new to worry about this past week.

Analysts blamed the two developments for darkening Wall Street's already pessimistic mood.

But some analysts say they expect the new worries could be fleeting, and they say that will free investors to get back to worrying about a more fundamental issue which has bothered the market for months — rising interest rates.

For the week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 1,133.79, down 23.35 points from the previous Friday's close.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index finished at 89.56, down 1.67 points for the week. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was down 3.74 for the week to 205.47.

Big Board volume averaged 82.79 million shares a day, against 87.91 million shares a day the week before.

Federal authorities and a group of leading banks scrambled this past week to create a multi-billion dollar line of credit for Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., the nation's seventh-largest bank.

Officials of the bank's parent company acknowledged that they were looking for a merger partner, and omitted the company's quarterly dividend.

Analysts said the problems led some investors to wonder whether there would be fallout from Continental Illinois' problems at other financial institutions.

Rising fears that oil shipments from the Gulf would be seriously disrupted helped domestic oil stocks do better than the general stock market for the week, but depressed the prices of oil-dependent issues, such as the airline stocks.

Knesset unit lowers tax on apartments

Post Economic Reporter

Purchasers of flats will now pay a smaller tax on the price of a flat. The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a 57 per cent adjustment to marginal tax brackets on the purchase price. Inflation has driven up the price enormously and the change is meant to lighten the burden on the purchaser.

There will now be a 0.5 per cent tax on the first \$3,662,000 paid for a flat. For flats costing from \$3,662,000 to \$9,670,000, the marginal tax will be 3.5 per cent. The third bracket — of 4.5 per cent — applies to purchase prices over \$9,670,000.

After weeks of deliberations, the committee finally approved a reduction from 2 per cent to 1 per cent in the levy on the sale of government linked bonds.

West German-Egypt missile deal reported

BONN (JTA). — A firm called Dynamit Nobel, a subsidiary of the West German giant company Flick, has signed an agreement with Egypt to build long-range missiles there which would fly as far as 2,000 kilometres, according to the West German news magazine *Stern*.

The weekly reported that the deal was signed in July 1982, and that the project carries the name "Lorm," an acronym for long-range missiles. A Flick spokesman told *Stern* that there was no agreement but preparatory meetings had been held. He confirmed the involvement of Dynamit Nobel in dealing with Egypt, but denied that the aim was to build missiles.

In the same report, *Stern* said that by now there is practically a complete agreement to build in Egypt a light version of the Leopard 2 tank, and that Saudi Arabia will eventually receive hundreds of units of the new weapon system. According to the weekly, the Kraus Maffei firm, which builds the Leopard 2 in Bavaria, has made the deal through subsidiaries in London and in Brussels.

LONDON BANK RATES

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Bank base rate	9	9
Call money	9	9
91-day Treasury	9	9
3-months Interbank	9%	9%

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Israel slow to use computer software potential

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The proverbial "mousetrap orientation" all too often restricts the development of Israel's computer software houses. This is the belief of Ilene Winer, director of the Export Institute's Software Centre, which she set up a year ago.

The well-known proverb says: if you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door. But today things have changed.

Buyers no longer even think of beating a path to the inventor's door. There are many sellers out there beating a path to the buyer's door with excellent solutions, Winer says.

Although there are some 80 software companies in Israel, only 69 appear in the Buyers Guide to Israeli Software, which was put out with the cooperation of the Israeli Association of Software Houses.

"And I had to pressure a few companies to draw up a brief description of their product line in time. They simply didn't realize the importance of bringing their product to the attention of potential buyers. And many didn't want to put a price on their software."

The first catalogue, put out last year, simply listed the companies alphabetically. "But buyers are not interested in the name of the companies; their interest is in the applicability of the software to their needs."

The present catalogue is arranged by categories of software, starting with architecture and running through banking, medical management, travel industry, etc. There are 36 categories.

Winer notes that there are several fundamental things needed to run a successful software house. The first is to draw up a programme which

"services the market's needs," and which the market doesn't yet have, and this means keeping up with the rapid developments in the field. Secondly, the programme offered must be easy to use; thirdly, it must be a very efficient programme, better than competitive ones. And finally, the seller must find the potential users and sell them.

Israeli software houses must realize that they are thousands of miles from their main markets and this means they must work through local joint ventures and agents.

Her greatest consolation was the recent Hannover Fair. Nine Israeli firms participated and they were quite successful in selling their products.

"It doesn't take a lot of money to start a software house. All you need is a good idea and a few brilliant programmers. And Israel has a wealth of good ideas," Winer says.

EEC destroys tons of food per hour

LONDON (AP). — The European Economic Community destroys 393 kilograms of apples every minute to maintain guaranteed prices paid to growers, says a British member of the European Parliament.

Jane Buchan, attacking the food waste policy as a scandal, said that every minute the 10-nation community also destroys 1,648 lemons, 1,358 oranges, 438 peaches, 21 kilograms of pears, 34 kilograms of tomatoes, 23 kilograms of mandarins and 41 cauliflowers.

"Cauliflowers are buried in huge pits and covered with oil to make them inedible," Buchan told Britain's domestic Press Association news agency Sunday.

Mrs. Buchan said she plans a protest campaign against the dumping in the European Parliament at Strasbourg, France.

Last Thursday, British Minister of State for Agriculture John MacGregor revealed that the community sold surplus wine to the Soviet Union for less than 7 pence (about 18 shekels) a litre and flour at 5 pence a pound (45 grams).

MacGregor said the Soviet government did not sell what it bought cheaply but at normal prices and "pocketed the difference."

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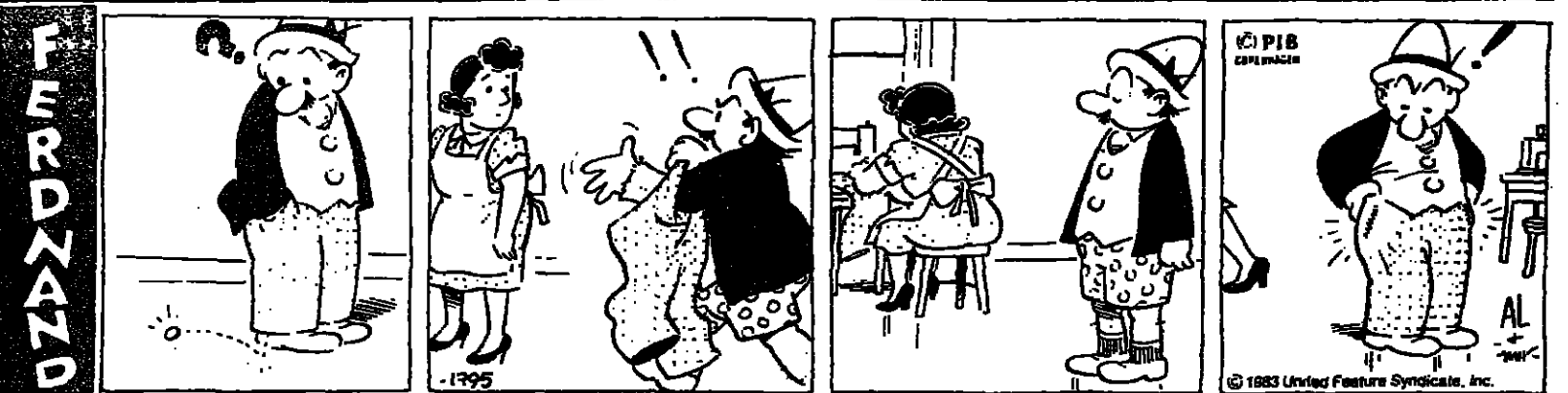
Mekorot cuts water to 5 Galilee towns

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Mekorot, the national water company, yesterday cut back the supply of water to several towns and settlements in Galilee and the Golan Heights, following their failure to pay their water bills.

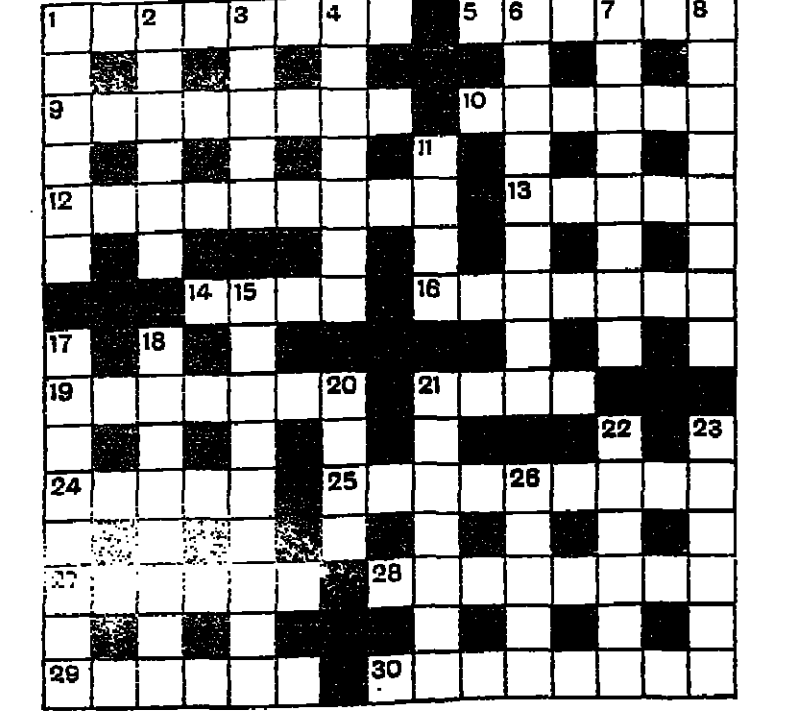
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- ACROSS**
- 1 & 5 Dying from embarrassment from the sound of it (8, 6)
 - 9 Twittery flier to make fresh beginning round Land's End (8)
 - 10 Inquiring how Charles may complete his task? (6)
 - 12 The Desert Journal that has an abrasive character (4-5)
 - 13 So-called American affixing royal insignia to tree (5)
 - 14 Victory got in manner that isn't at all straight (4)
 - 16 Order to U-boat urge that could apply to opposing line? (7)
 - 17 Shipwreck survivors raising the roof? (7)
 - 21 Banking bouncers (4)
 - 24 Top tennis player with youthful head feels sickly (5)
 - 25 Such feelings stir long memories (9)
 - 27 Article getting into my clear throat causes malicious injury (8)
 - 28 Cut up pie, etc, but could have digested it anyhow (8)
 - 29 Taking no part in the sex war? (6)
 - 30 Drink created grave mistake in spelling test (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 Bob should be made to deter gracefully (6)
 - 2 Fiery contribution to a wizard entertainment (6)
 - 3 A costume for Reveille? (3, 2)
 - 4 Eva's husband turned up with half a tyre but got a negative response (2, 5)
 - 6 Pearl may be lying here (6-3)
 - 7 One dump I renovated is haunted by sedate pipers (5-3)
 - 8 Cover-up business down market? (3, 5)
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 - 18 Politely ask another to take the lead (5, 3)
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Haifa take over as Betar bubble bust

By PAUL KOHN and YARON KENAN

The Betar Jerusalem dream burst yesterday with Hapoel Tel Aviv, for so long their closest challengers for the National League soccer championship, thrilled to provide the knife-edge football which pierced the bubble.

Hoping, yearning, praying for the title to be decided on the penultimate Saturday of the season's league football, Betar wanted more than anything to settle things in their final home game at the YMCA stadium with a victory over their Tel Aviv visitors. Not only were they denied that wish and went down to a sour and richly deserved 3-1 defeat but had to agonize over Maccabi Haifa's hardly inspiring but highly effective 1-0 victory over Yehud.

That result sends Haifa to the top of the First Division table for the first time in 14 years and drops Betar off the perch which they have commanded for nearly five months. The battle for top honours remains to be settled on the final Saturday when Betar are away to Shimshon and Haifa entertain Ramat Amud. The bid to avert relegation still involves half a dozen clubs and that issue will also only be decided next Saturday.

The Jerusalem police and the Betar club ensured that there was immaculate order for the year's most-talked-of match in the capital and in the country's entire soccer forum. There was joyous singing, friendly chanting, and a delighted confidence among the almost entirely pro-Betar crowd of 8,000 before the kick-off. Scarves in Betar's yellow and black colours were selling briskly for \$1,000.

A couple of hours later the scarves drooped, their tassels no longer, however, than the faces of the ardent home fans.

"We were determined to avenge ourselves for the defeat early in the season and to show Betar who is really tops," chortled Moshe Sinai, the Tel Aviv captain, afterwards. And show them, by gum, he did. Single-handed with two of the finest individual goals to have graced the "Y" ground in many a season. In



FACES IN THE CROWD—National coach Yosef Mironovich (l) and Liverpool's chief scout Ron Saunders (r) follow with rapt attention the unfolding of Betar Jerusalem's downfall in the capital yesterday. Saunders, who was looking for talent within the two top sides, is here with Liverpool for their interesting warm-up match for their European Cup final against Roma next week. On Tuesday afternoon at Bloomfield they play Israel's National team.

their hearts Hapoel must have rued the fact that they had played themselves out of the running for the title with some dreadful mid-season displays but that enabled them to shrug off all pressure and content themselves with a display of free open football.

Betar, by contrast, were a bundle of nerves. They tried hard, too hard. There were the usual engaging mid-field skills of Uri Malmilian which drew deserved accolades from Liverpool's chief scout Ron Saunders. But the vital chances upfront were frustrated. Sami Malka in particular was culpable. For Eli Ohana, the challenge of being Israel's Footballer of the Year and perhaps Saunders' watchful eye was too much for this handsome brow, and he was just off target on the couple of occasions when he might have put Betar in front.

When Ohana finally did manage to work his magical feet after being fed by Malmilian and he eluded his two ever-present defenders he unleashed a cracking shot. But Arye Bjerano with a superhuman dive denied him the glory.

Then came Sinai. As Betar piled on the pressure, frantically searching for the goal that would keep them in front of Haifa, he picked up a long clearance, rushed up field and deftly as a Mohammed Ali evading a punch bamboozled Mizrahi with beautiful flighted shot.

Twenty-five minutes to go and Betar looked sunk. Sinai drove the harpoon in fierce and hard when a 40-metre cross from the young Rafi Shmuel floated to him in the same position on the right hand corner of the penalty area. Instinctively, he let fly with a thunderous volley from his

normally weaker right foot. Yossi Mizrahi had not a ghost of a chance. In recent weeks Betar have relied too often on a late goal from Ohana or Malmilian to see them through. There was no late saviour this time and after the elegant Shabtai Levy completed their misery shortly before the end Nahum Tashma's stabbed goal at the end was not even consolation.

It was a header by Moshe Selektor from a Zahi Arnell cross in the 32nd minute that may turn out to be Maccabi Haifa's most important goal of the season. That was the goal that beat Hapoel Yehud and sent Haifa joyfully to the top.

After Selektor had grabbed the vital lead the burden was on the visitors' defence as Yehud battled valiantly to save at least one point. Goalkeeper Ari Ran and defenders Yossi Kremer and Rafi Osmo played outstanding games to hold off the Yehud onslaught, led by Shalom Rockman who took the field in the second half, and Yitzhak Bilichsan. At the other end of the table, Maccabi Haifa beat Betar Yehud 3-1 to force the Haifa's Quarter team back to bottom. Jaffa produced one of their best games of the season. Koby Misha scored two goals and made the third, but the Jaffa player of the day was 40-year-old defender Moshe "Muzzi" Leon.

Menashe Mizrahi scored Jaffa's third and Moshe Ohana matched Betar's lone goal.

David Lavi scored for Netanya in their 3-3 draw at Hahshon, putting him at the top of the National League goalkeepers table with 16 league goals. Moshe Gariani scored the other two Netanya goals. Moshe and Haim Yehud with Hiram Hatan netted for Hahshon, after Netanya had led 3-1.

While Maccabi took over as National League leaders, Hapoel Haifa did the same in the Second Division after beating Hapoel Petah Tikva 1-0. David Haim netted the vital goal in Kiryat Haifa. Kfar Sava moved into second spot with a 5-0 thrashing of Upper Nazareth, who will next season depart to the third division, together with Beit She'an and Beit Shechem.



MOSHE SINAI—his two splendid goals sank Betar. (IPPA)

National League
Shimshon 1, Mar. Tel Aviv 3
Betar Jerusalem 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3
Bet. Tel Aviv 0, Hap. Beersheba 3
Yehud 0, Mar. Haifa 1
Ramat Amud 1, Hap. Lod 1
Mar. Petah Tikva 0, Mar. Yavne 0
Mar. Jaffa 3, Bet Yehuda 1
Hahshon 3, Mar. Netanya 3

Standings, after 29 Games

Club	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
1. Mar. Haifa	14	6	9	37	28
2. Bet Yehud	14	11	4	42	25
3. Hap. TA	12	11	6	49	25
4. Netanya	11	9	9	31	22
5. Mar. TA	11	8	10	41	21
6. Mar. PT	8	13	8	25	21
7. Hap. TA	10	12	7	30	22
8. Hahshon	8	12	9	27	20
9. Shimshon	10	6	13	32	26
10. Beersheba	10	6	13	30	26
11. Lod	8	11	10	27	23
12. Jaffa	7	13	9	23	23
13. Yavne	7	11	11	25	21
14. Ramat	7	11	11	31	21
15. Yehud	7	10	12	25	21

Second Division
Hap. Hahshon 3, Kiryat Shimshon 1
Bet She'an 3, Hap. Jerusalem 1
Ashdod 2, Marmorek 3
Kfar Sava 5, Upper Nazareth 0
Rishon LeZion 3, Hap. Hadera 0
Betar Haifa 1, Bet. Ramat
Hap. Haifa 1, Hap. Petah Tikva 0
Bet Shechem 1, Hap. Ramat Gan 2

Standings, after 29 Games

Club	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
1. Hap. Haifa	14	6	9	41	21
2. Kiryat	13	9	6	40	21
3. Hap. PT	13	10	6	35	26
4. Rishon	14	8	6	41	26
5. Hadera	11	9	9	27	21
6. Ramat Gan	11	8	10	26	21
7. Ashdod	11	9	9	36	21
8. Hap. Jem	11	6	12	26	20
9. Ramat	10	14	7	29	24
10. Hahshon	9	10	10	31	27
11. Bet Haifa	11	4	14	25	27
12. Y. Shimon	9	8	12	31	25
13. Marmorek	7	11	11	20	22
14. U. Nazareth	6	10	13	24	27
15. U. Shimon	9	9	11	24	27
16. Bet Shechem	3	12	14	20	21

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER: Stuttgart virtually made sure of the Bundesliga title when they defeated Werder Bremen 2-1 away in the second last round of matches yesterday. Hamburg were surprisingly beaten 0-2 by lowly Frankfurt, while Bayern Munich also slipped, drawing 1-1 at Dortmund. With one round to go Stuttgart have 48 points, Hamburg and Moenchengladbach 46, and Bayern 45.

BASKETBALL:—Canada scored their fourth consecutive victory to lead the Western Hemisphere pre-Olympic tournament. The Canadians downed Argentina 85-73, Brazil 80-66, and the United States 91-75. Canada's lead was 14-0 at halftime.

Three of the nine competing countries will qualify for the Olympic finals.

BADMINTON: Indonesia edged the defending champions China 3-2 to capture the Thomas Cup championship in Kuala Lumpur. After being led by China 2-1 in singles matches, Indonesia came back and took the last two doubles.

China gained some consolation by capturing the women's world title, the Uber Cup, from England 5-0 in the final.

CRICKET: Benson and Hedges Cup-holders Middlesex were swept out of the competition when they were beaten by Somerset at Taunton. Somerset strode home by seven wickets to clinch their place in the quarter-finals at New Zealand.

Martin Crowe picked up three wickets. Then Popplewell hit a splendid 67 as he and Peter Roebuck put on 114 in 33 overs for the first wicket. Botham hammered a typical unbeaten 48 off 31 balls to lead Somerset home.

Lancashire have also qualified after a three-wicket success over Worcester.

An unbeaten 122 by West Indians Alvin Kalicharran, enabled Warwickshire to reach the last eight also following a two-wicket win over Northamptonshire.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Great Britain opened up their Australian tour with a 40-13 win over Northern Territory in Darwin.

Victory at start of controversial tour

England beat a South African Currie Cup B select XV in Durban by 31 points to 21 at the start of their controversial rugby tour of South Africa.

The 26-man squad is defying a Commonwealth ban on sporting contacts with South Africa and will play seven matches in all, including two Tests.

This is the first English side to play in South Africa in over a decade.

Gretzky sweeps Islanders aside

EDMONTON (AP).—Wayne Gretzky and Willy Lindstrom each scored two goals as the quick and confident Edmonton Oilers surged to within one victory of winning ice hockey's Stanley Cup with a 7-2 rout of the New York Islanders in the fourth game.

The Oilers asserted themselves early on goals by Gretzky—his first ever in the NHL championship round—and Lindstrom. The Islanders, who have won the last four titles, never caught up as the Oilers grabbed a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. The Oilers joined the league when it merged with the World Hockey Association in 1979-80, the first season of the Islanders' reign as champions.

Krickstein strikes yet again

Post Sports Staff

Aaron Krickstein the wonder lad of American tennis scorched through to the final of the first of this season's major European Opens when he completed a handsome week by defeating Diego Perez of Uruguay 6-4, 6-0 comfortably in yesterday's semi-finals of the Italian Open in Rome. Krickstein, who won the Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix last September and so became the youngest ever Grand Prix title winner, meets the fifth seeded Andre Gomez in the final. Gomez outplayed the only other seeded player left, Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina, to win 6-3, 6-2.

Rarely straying from the baseline, the poised youngster from Ann Arbor, Michigan, kept the 23-year-old Uruguayan deep in the court with stinging forehands and two-fisted backhands.

"Once I win a set, I get more confident and relaxed which is why I could win so easily," Krickstein said later. "He didn't give me much opportunity to get into a groove at first."

Krickstein hit only one volley in the match and missed it.

On Friday under floodlights, Krickstein became the youngest semi-finalist in the tournament's history with a crushing 6-4, 6-0 win over Italy's Francesco Cancellotti.

Asked if he thought he could win the tournament Krickstein replied boldly "The way I've been playing, I've got as good a chance as anybody," said Krickstein.

Krickstein, who finishes his junior year at school next month before he plays in the main event at Wimbledon for the first time, has his school books with him but admitted he has not looked at them. He calls his family every night.

Celtics steam on

BOSTON (AP).—Larry Bird scored 32 points, Dennis Johnson 26 and Kevin McHale 24, and the Boston Celtics rolled another big early lead to a playoff rout of the Milwaukee Bucks by 125-110 for a 2-0 lead in a showdown for the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference championship.

Seeking to avenge a four-game sweep by Milwaukee in last year's conference semifinals, the Celtics poured it on for their eighth consecutive home victory without a defeat in the playoffs this spring. In winning their last five games at home, they have finished with margins of 18, 14, 22, 17, 23 and 15 points.

Bird, who also had 13 rebounds, and McHale did their usual thing, but Johnson shocked the Bucks with his scoring touch. The veteran guard also chipped in with one, three rebounds and four assists.

In Phoenix, Walter Davis and Kyle Macy scored six points apiece in overtime as the Phoenix Suns beat Los Angeles 135-127, cutting the Lakers' lead to 2-1 in their playoff series.

The Lakers had forced the overtime at 119-119 on Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sky hook with 22 seconds left.

Davis finished with a career high 34 points while Larry Nance had 23, Lucas 19, James Edwards 18 and Macy 12.

Abdul-Jabbar led Los Angeles with 31 points, Rookie Byron Scott added 26, Magic Johnson 21 and Michael Cooper 12.

CAESAREA GOLF

Haifa couple Mickey and Hymie Goldblatt took Friday's better-ball competition here in style, recording a combined 58 net, 15-under par.

Yesterday's individual event was won by evergreen Jules Cubernek who shot a 73 net.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gilton and Yaron Kenan.



NOT THIS TIME—Israel's Doron Jamchee is not giving anything to Jelle Esveldt as Israel hang on to defeat Holland 84-82 and advance to the final pool of the Olympic qualifying basketball tourney in Paris. After last night's match against the Soviet Union, Israel meet Sweden today, Spain tomorrow, France on Wednesday, Greece on Thursday and West Germany in the final game on Friday.

Cubs walk home to retain division lead

NEW YORK (AP).—Houston reliever Frank Depino walked pinch-hitter Gary Woods with the bases loaded to force in the winning run and clinch a two-run ninth-inning rally that gave the Chicago Cubs an exciting 7-6 victory over the Astros in Friday's major league baseball action.

After Houston had broken a 5-3 tie on Enos Cabell's solo homer off Tim Lincecum with two out in the top of the ninth, Gary Matthews led off with a wind-blown fly down the right-field line that fell in for a double. Leon Durham then doubled Matthews home and was sacrificed to third by Keith Moreland. Depino then relieved Dave Smith and walked two more batters intentionally to set up a force before issuing the pass to Woods.

"I wasn't looking for a walk," said Woods. "I know he's not afraid of me, he's gotten me out before. He was wild. He won't do that too much."

Hapoel will run in capital on Jerusalem Day

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV - Twenty athletes from France and Italy will be among the anticipated 1,000 participants in Hapoel's inaugural Jerusalem international "mini-marathon," being held on May 30 as part of the capital's annual Jerusalem Day celebrations. In addition, it is hoped that several British runners will be taking part, race director Giora Glazer told me on Friday.

Hapoel are organizing next week's 21-km. run in conjunction with the Jerusalem Municipality, Yediot Ahronot and the Israel Trail Blazers Running Club. The main race will be supplemented by a 5-km. mass-run for all comers.

The event will take place only six weeks after Maccabi introduced the "mini-marathon" to Jerusalem, with their first 21-km. race. The highly successful meet attracted 750 competitors with another 3,000 or so people participating in a 4-km. popular run held at the same time.

Hapoel—like Maccabi—have chosen a route through the southern districts of the capital, though an innovation this time is that at one point the runners will pass not far from the Old City.

There have been some raised eyebrows and wry smiles in athletic circles here because Hapoel and Maccabi seem to be running their own private "race" to be first past the post in staging a half-marathon in Jerusalem, with both sports movements claiming to have originated the idea. Hapoel athletics director David Saidi has said that their race was originally scheduled for April, 1983, as a curtain-raiser to the 12th Hapoel Games, but plans fell through at an advanced stage. Instead, last year's "mini" was held near Kibbutz Givat Haim.

Hapoel are optimistic that most of the country's top long-distance runners will compete in the "mini". A special invitation has been sent to 20-year-old soldier Yehzekiel Hailifa of Moshav Bet Ezra, who was a favourite to win Maccabi's Jerusalem half-marathon. He was unable to participate because he was injured only a week before the race in the Ashkelon bus hijack. It is hoped that he will be fit enough for the May 30 meet.

Entry forms may be obtained in Tel Aviv from the Hapoel Sports Association, 8 Rehov Ha'arba'ah and in Jerusalem from the Municipality's Youth Department or the Hahadurah Building, 17 Rehov Strauss. The registration fee is \$15,000 for the "mini" and \$250 for the mass-run.

FA CUP FINAL

Watford capsize under Mersey

LONDON. - Everton completed a famous grand slam for Merseyside by winning the English F.A. Cup for the first time since 1966 with a 2-0 victory over Watford in a highly entertaining final at Wembley here yesterday.

With neighbours Liverpool taking the league title, League Cup and Charity Shield, goals by Everton's Scottish strike force of Graeme Sharp and Andy Gray gave the northwest English city a clean sweep of England's four major trophies this season.

But Watford, languishing in the Fourth Division only seven years ago, emerged from their first Wembley appearance with great credit and their all-action style made it a fitting finale. At the end of the day, however, Everton's sophistication was too much for Watford's suspect defence and after surviving a series of early scares they struck two killer blows in a 13-minute spell on either side of the interval.

It was the fourth time that Everton had won the Cup but their first

trophy since the league championship in 1970. "This means a lot to us. We've had to sit back and watch Liverpool for all these years," said Everton's young manager Howard Kendall.

Watford's enthusiastic young team, with an average age of just 22, matched the Merseysides in an absorbing first half and were unfortunate to be behind at halftime. England international winger John Barnes, who frequently troubled the Everton defence with his pace and skill on the left, had a header saved in the opening minute while captain Les Taylor twice fired inches wide.

It was slightly against the run of play when Everton took the lead. Graeme Sharp found himself free in the penalty area, turned and drilled a low shot into the net off a post with Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood completely stranded.

Watford, with their rock superstar Elton John watching from the stands, came desperately close to an equalizer at the start of the second half. Kenny Jackett broke free on

the left and Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall, who had already made four excellent first-half saves, somehow arched himself backwards and clutched the ball out of the air, with John Barnes ready to strike.

Three minutes later, the Watford challenge crumbled as Everton struck for a second time. Sherwood and central defender Steve Terry went up to clear a left-wing cross but Everton centre-forward Andy Gray nipped in to beat them both and sent an accurate header home.

Watford, who had started so brightly in its first ever final appearance, suddenly went to pieces. Presses intended for strikers Kelly and Johnston went completely astray, and as the young Watford players lost their rhythm and style and became ragged and demoralised, Everton's powerful midfielders at last gained complete control.

With 30 minutes remaining, Watford's enterprising manager Graham Taylor—who took his team from the fourth to the first division in just six years—sent on substitute Paul Atkins for left-back Neil Price. Jackett moved back to replace Price—who never looked comfortable against the pace of Everton's Steven—while Atkins slotted into midfield.

But the move failed to pay off and Everton coasted home to the delight of their fans, who outnumbered the Watford supporters 2 to 1 in the 92,000 sellout crowd.

The match was watched by an estimated 350 million television viewers in 41 countries.

Aberdeen triumph
Aberdeen beat Celtic 2-1 after extra time to win the Scottish Cup for the third year in succession.
Scorers: Aberdeen—Black (24), McTear (90); Celtic—McStay (86).

British football-bouquets and brickbats
ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION. - Champions: Liverpool. Runners-up: Southampton. Relegated: Birmingham, Notts County, Wolves.
SECOND DIVISION. - Champions: Chelsea. Promoted: Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle United. Relegated: Cambridge United, Swans, Derby.

THIRD DIVISION. - Champions: Oxford. Promoted: Wimbledon, Sheffield United. Relegated: Exeter, Port Vale, Southend Utd and Scunthorpe.

FOURTH DIVISION. - Champions: York City. Promoted: Doncaster, Reading, Bristol City. Relegated: Chester, Hartlepool, Rochdale and Wrexham or Halifax.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION. - Champions: Aberdeen. Relegated: Motherwell, St. Johnstone. FIRST DIVISION. - Champions: Morton. Runners-up: Dunbarton. Relegated: Alloa and Raith. SECOND DIVISION. - Champions: Forfar. Runners-up: E. Fife.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to Members and Shareholders that the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company will take place on Monday, June 4, 1984, at 12 noon, at the offices of the Company, 3 Jaffa Road, Tel Aviv.

- Agenda:**
- (1) Report of the Directors.
 - (2) Approval of the Financial Statements and Report of the Auditors, to December 31, 1983.
 - (3) Allocation of Profits.
 - (4) Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
 - (5) Miscellaneous.

Attention is drawn to Article 68 of the Articles of Association of the Company according to which, if, within half an hour from the time appointed for a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day the next week at the same time and place, and if, at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

If it is necessary to hold an adjourned meeting it will, therefore, take place on Monday, June 11, 1984, not later than 12.30 p.m.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, a member is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting personally or by proxy. In order to be valid, a proxy must be duly completed and deposited at the Company's registered office not less than 48 hours before the meeting. Proxy forms may be obtained at the Company's registered office.

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Liberals' last chance

THERE ARE some parties which come to life only on the eve of elections. The Liberal Party, or what is left of it, is certainly one of those political bodies which are hardly heard from in the years between the national polling days.

Particularly during the past three years, the Liberals have taken back seats in the Likud and have let Herut become the dominant partner of the ruling government party. The four key posts in the cabinet — that of prime minister, foreign minister, defence minister and finance minister — have been manned by Herut leaders. Since the death last year of deputy prime minister Simha Ehrlich, the Liberals have been deprived even of this, mainly symbolic, cabinet post.

Little wonder then that the younger, impatient Herut party functionaries now want to reduce the Liberals' share on the new Knesset election list. For them the 19-year-old Gahal agreement, which paved Herut's road to power and would have still been honoured by former prime minister Menachem Begin, represents a meaningless piece of paper.

Following what they say are Herut grassroots' demands, the Herut negotiators now wish to exact a high price, even for a reduced Liberal representation on the next Knesset list: the immediate merger of both parties.

Apparently convinced of their mass appeal, despite the Likud-led government's dismal performance, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, former finance minister Yoram Aridor and MK Ronnie Milo, demand their pound of flesh of the Liberals. They want to see the total extinction of what was once a pragmatic, right of centre party with historic roots — the General Zionists.

That is indeed a high price to pay, even for a party which would probably return only less than a handful of Knesset members should the Liberals be compelled to run on their own. The latest Herut demand for a full merger indeed puts the Liberals before a far more crucial dilemma than having to choose between self-interest and pride, as was stated in this column two days ago.

On the issue of total abdication and fusion into an increasingly nationalist and hard-line, Herut-dominated Likud, even the more pro-Herut Liberals may have second thoughts.

The newly elected Liberal Party chairman, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, therefore deserves his party's respect for having turned around the Liberal delegation's earlier surrender to Herut demands in an eight-hour-long marathon session of the party's executive Thursday night. It was no small feat on Moda'i's part and represented a serious rebuff to his Liberal cabinet colleagues who comprised the delegation.

By last night, the full merger demanded by Herut was openly challenged by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulin. Both are Liberal leaders, known for their more moderate views who have often expressed their dissatisfaction of the way their party was being run as an appendix to Herut.

The question facing the Liberals' central committee today could indeed be of far-reaching implications for Israel's political scene. Will the Liberals insist on maintaining at least a facade of an independent party structure, even at the risk of having to take the plunge and face the electorate on their own, a step which probably only very few Liberal Knesset candidates would survive. Or will they forgo their last chance of keeping up their own party, even if only remotely worth its name, and give in to Herut's dictate.

In the increasing polarization of Israel's politics, even a small, more reasonable Liberal nucleus could still play an important role.

A PERSON backing Labour in the coming elections may be doing one of two things. He may be casting his vote for Labour or he may be casting it against the Likud. The bulk of Labour followers, those who plumped for the Alignment last time, may be presumed to belong to the first category, those who approve of Labour.

But Labour needs at least five more seats in order to become the government, and so must acquire 100,000 new supporters, who did not vote for the Alignment in 1981. What is likely to motivate this potentially fluid group at the centre, a liking for Labour, or a distaste for the Likud?

If the only reason for voting Labour was its power of attraction, it would be unlikely to garner those extra seats. Not that the party lacks a policy: what it lacks is personalities capable of "selling" that policy. Nobody in its ranks can explain to the public why it would be wonderful to have Labour in power again.

Its leaders — Peres, Rabin, Gur, Yaacobi, Dinitz, Barlev — appear on television again and again, stony-faced men, expressionless, monotonous in their utterances, unable to conjure up a smile between them. Begin could laugh and chat and tease and declaim. Which Labour orator can match him?

Who is there to sweep the audience off its feet? Since Golda Meir, no one. Yitzhak Navon alone has the gift of talking with his listeners as one human being to another; and he hasn't opened his mouth to date.

ALL IS NOT lost however. There are excellent reasons for voting against the Likud, enough to sway that crucial bunch of 100,000 who have it in their power to change the country's destiny.

As ballot day, July 23, approaches, the time has come to make a reckoning. What has the

Time for a reckoning

By DAVID KRIVINE

Likud accomplished in office? Is the country better off or worse off than before? We are looking back to two administrations, not one. It is the second, the government that was elected in 1981, which must be our concern.

The first administration, elected in 1977, achieved Camp David and the peace treaty with Egypt. That dramatic success justified its re-election four years later. But the statesmen who accomplished the deed are no longer in the team. Begin retired and became a hermit; Dayan has passed away; Weizman heads a new faction which opposes the Likud.

The second administration was led at the beginning by Begin-Sharon-Aridor and at the end by Shamir-Levy-Arens. We must address ourselves to them: what have they done? Are we better off now than before they took over?

Let us examine the record, sector by sector.

Economics: Nothing to boast about here. The Likud government has destroyed the national currency. All attempts to bring inflation below the three-figure mark have failed utterly. Yoram Aridor, as finance minister, proclaimed his intention of reducing the price rises to 5 per cent a month.

That would — believe it or not — have been seen as a success; only it wasn't achieved. Under Yigal Cohen-Orad, inflation has worsened and there is no prospect in sight of halting the interminable and deadly upward spiral.

The trade deficit yawns as never

before. The national product has stopped growing. What does grow at a frenzied pace is the national dollar debt. U.S. aid is greater than ever previously, greater (per capita) than the aid given to any other nation, yet Israel sees almost nothing of it. The money goes right back to the States, for defraying debt-service charges.

All the graphs that were going up under Labour — sometimes more rapidly and sometimes less — are now going down. Exports were increasing, and are now dropping (although there has been a modest improvement in the last four months). Imports were declining, and are now rising. The trade gap was narrowing; it is now widening.

The stock exchange boomed to unrealistic heights last year and then slumped. The banks, ultimate strongholds of public trust, took a beating. They were only rescued from disaster because the Treasury took over their debts. Instead of saving cash, people are spending it. The outlook is bleak.

Defence: The Lebanon war can now be classified definitively as a failure. It was Israel's first unnecessary war, it need not have been started. Having been started, it was not without its gains, but they were outweighed by the losses.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat's military base was destroyed, and that is indeed a success. The military threat to Israel, however, was and remains Syria. The power of the PLO lies in its propaganda, and that stays unquenched. The Moslems are on top in Lebanon. Israel's incursion into that country has brought defeat to our allies there, the Christians.

We spilt a lot of blood in Lebanon, both Israeli and Arab, and what have we got at the end of the day? An inglorious folding of the tents. An exit without a peace treaty. The Likud deserves little credit for that.

Religion: Labour had managed to hold some sort of balance between religion and state. The Likud is not a religious party; it is inclined, however, towards myths and traditions. Begin was easy prey to army-twisting by the Orthodox, and the "historic partnership" between Labour and the National Religious Party was replaced by a debilitating liaison between the Likud and Agudat Yisrael, reminiscent of the relationship between a blackmailer and his victim.

Under the compact that existed between Ben-Gurion and Moshe Haim Shapiro it was possible to be a pious Jew in Israel and also to enjoy freedom of conscience. His near-namesake, the Aguda's Abraham Shapira and his men are tightening the grip of theocracy. The Likud has gone so far as to agree in principle to divide the Jewish people at some future date, by excluding non-Orthodox communities from official recognition as Jews.

The success of Orthodox extremists has sharpened antagonisms. Israel is on the verge of sectarian bedlam. Violence has become commonplace: over archeology, over abortions, over traffic to Ramot, over the backsliding of a cinema in Petah Tikva, over concerts of "profane" music (like Handel's *Messiah*).

The return to Zion was supposed to bring Jews together, narrowing

the gap between believer and nonbeliever. Instead, the gap has widened. The Orthodox are growing increasingly fanatical. The House of Hillel has been steamrollered out of the way by a House of Shamai more intransigent than ever before.

The tolerance prevalent among secular-minded people is wearing thin: They are becoming further alienated from Judaism, owing to the distortions introduced by its supposedly assiduous proponents. The relation of the Jewish people to its religion has deteriorated sadly in Israel since the Likud took office.

Politics: Gush Emunim settlement in Judea and Samaria has created, quite predictably, a backlash of stone-throwing Arab hostility. The settlers expect the army to undertake total repression, which is impossible.

Hence the birth of yet another fanaticism, embodied at the fringe in a group of suspected terrorists sufficiently paranoid to plan the destruction of Moslem holy places. Which is what the philosophy of solving all problems by force leads to in the end.

GENERALLY, things are not as they were. Old ideals are losing their hold, new brutal ones are taking their place. The nation is losing faith in its own institutions. The Likud has a lot to answer for.

The question in this election is not the merits or demerits of Labour, but how to be rid of the Likud. They have been in power long enough, and require a spell on the other side of the House to lick their wounds and think about what they have done. Israel needs a change of government — urgently.

Ninety per cent of the Likud's supporters won't agree with that. But 10 per cent may; and it would be enough.

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READERS' LETTERS

EXCHANGE OF TERRORISTS FOR HOSTAGES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The recent hijacking of a Tel Aviv-Askelon bus and its consequences have served to highlight a number of problems related to such occurrences. Not the least of these is the question of whether or not to accede to highjackers' demands that terrorists imprisoned in Israeli jails be freed in exchange for hostages.

In the course of the storming of the bus by our security forces a young woman soldier was killed and a number of other passengers were wounded. The highjackers had demanded the release of 500 terrorists being held in Israeli prisons. This demand was rejected by the Israeli authorities, and hence, the storming of the bus.

Similar occurrences have taken place in the past and the question arises as to whether the policy adopted by our authorities is justified. To my mind it is most decidedly unjustified.

In the present instance, the Minister of Defence, Moshe Arens, is reported to have stated that Israel kept to the principle of not bargaining with terrorists. However, Israel

has bargained with terrorists directly or indirectly in the past. We have been also willing to hand over large numbers of prisoners in exchange for a small number of Israelis being held by terrorists. Bus passengers in the hands of highjackers are, for practical purposes, prisoners. There is no logical reason why they too should not be exchanged for imprisoned terrorists.

It has been argued that capitulation to highjackers' demands would encourage terrorist activity and so lead to an increase in the number of attacks. This is surmise without proof. There does not appear to be any substantial evidence to show that rejection of terrorist demands, with subsequent killing, wounding or capture of terrorists, has decreased the number of assaults. It has also been said that submission on our part would lead to rising terrorist demands in later attacks, and to the questions: "Where will this end? Where is the limit?" There must, of course, be a limit which I would not venture to define.

The opinion has been voiced that releasing terrorists held in Israeli

jails and allowing them to leave the country would swell the ranks of their comrades abroad. Numerically, of course, this must be so, but again there is no evidence to show that prisoners released by us have constituted a significant reinforcement of terrorist organizations outside the country. Unfortunately, such organizations do not lack for manpower, frequently well trained.

If this be the case, why then do terrorists demand the release of imprisoned comrades in exchange for hostages? It is likely that the primary reason is the propaganda need to secure a "victory", to demonstrate that they are still capable of inflicting a humiliating defeat upon us. We, on our part have rejected their demands, for face-saving reasons. But what have we achieved? Our national pride may have been assuaged, but our successes have often been hollow indeed.

It would seem that the time has come — is well overdue, in fact — for a heart-searching reconsideration of Israel policy in regard to the problem here considered.

Jerusalem GERSHON GITLIN

RELIGIOUS HIGH SCHOOL AT KFAR SAVA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A news report in your edition of May 6 gives the mistaken impression that the Kfar Sava Municipality is willing to open a religious high school in the town and is only awaiting permission from the Ministry of Education.

In fact, according to a copy of a letter of April 25 from Shaul Yaalon, the minister's adviser, all the necessary permissions have been given. What is standing in the way is the determination of the Kfar Sava Municipality to keep its religious community as second-class citizens, at least as regards educational facilities.

The one junior school, Bar-Ilan, is bursting at the seams and is still the same neglected structure it was 30 years ago when the parents who are now fighting for better conditions were themselves pupils there. A new religious kindergarten is only built when there is absolutely no choice and the teacher has to fight for every piece of equipment, while the secular educational establishments get whatever they want.

In the matter of the high school, pupils now have two alternatives — to commute each day to Tel Aviv; to a two-hour journey, or to leave home at 15 and go to an expensive boarding school. Our older daughter Anna chose the latter course and now our second daughter Rachel also has to decide, unless another grade is added to the present junior high, a school which came into being four years ago only because of the determined efforts of the parents, and in spite of municipal obstacles.

That is why we, Kfar Sava parents, are determined to fight for what we consider only simple justice, the right to have our children continue their education while living at home without having to endanger their lives every day and waste time in unnecessary travelling.

If Mayor Yitzhak Wald is really willing to open a religious high school, as your headline put it, then let him do so — he has no more excuses.

GLORIA and ALEX DEUTSCH
Kfar Sava.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS GREEK President Constantine Caramanlis recently presented the annual Onassis Awards, valued at \$200,000 to an American ornithologist, an Italian archeologist and the chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, shared the Olympia Prize, awarded for international contributions to environmental protection, with Italian conservationist Francesco Nicotia.

Ripley said the Smithsonian had recently completed a museum support centre, "which bids to have the largest conservation training laboratory in the world in due course," and will train 200 conservationists annually.

Nicotia, who heads the archeological restoration centre in Florence, said his \$50,000 share of the prize would "help speed up the opening of a new archeological museum in the city to house more than 30,000 objects restored after being damaged in the Arno River floods."

The BBC received the \$100,000 Athina Prize, awarded for contributions to human rights, in recognition of its objectivity and balance in international news coverage during 50 years of broadcasting by its World Service.

BBC chairman Stuart Young said the prize money would set up a travelling scholarship fund to give "a few deserving people in the external services a chance to widen their horizons."

The awards are presented annually by the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation, a charitable institution set up in 1975 under Aristotle Onassis' will in memory of his only son, killed in a plane crash at Athens Airport in 1973.

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★ The Gulf War
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PS RABBI Yehoshua Kemelman, head of the Beit Din of Sydney, Australia, has proposed a different sort of memorial for the Holocaust. In a recent public statement, the rabbi suggests:

"It would have been a most fitting memorial to the 1,500,000 Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust if every Jewish couple adopted the soul of a martyred child, by begetting one child more than originally planned. That would be a most living memorial to the youthful martyrs, as well as a tremendous contribution to the survival of the Jewish people."

"The present Jewish birthrate is below reproduction, it is actually the lowest of all the other national minorities. The Jewish people in the Diaspora is exterminating itself by self-sterilization. Jewish families should have at least four children each to take the place of the martyrs."

"In the biblical story of Cain and Abel, we are told that Adam and Eve could not be comforted for their slain son until they bore another son instead of Abel. Similarly, Jews could not be consoled nor find peace of mind unless we give birth to an extra 1,500,000 children to take the place of the slain children of the Holocaust."


PS WE TRIED to send a cable to a friend in Wales recently. Not an easy matter.

Five days after we sent it we got a phone call from the Jerusalem cable office. "We're having a bit of trouble delivering your cable, sir," said the voice on the phone. "Where, exactly, is Wales?"

"Sort of to the left of England," we replied, somewhat bemused.

"Ah, no wonder we've been having trouble," said the enlightened voice. "We'd sent it to the Wales in Australia."

PS EVERYTHING you wanted to know about the Shabbat morning prayers but were afraid to ask might well be the title of an explanatory sheet recently printed by the Ministry for Religious Affairs. Intended for those who rarely visit synagogues, it gives a brief outline of the order of prayers and what to do during the service. The sheet, in Hebrew, has been distributed to synagogues, which are asked to keep it available



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